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Rebel strike at U.S. base in Mosul kills 19 Gls

At least 20 dead as explosion rocks crowded dining hall

U.S. soldiers help a wounded comrade after an insurgent attack on a dining facility during lunchtime Tuesday at Forward Operating Base Marez in Mosul. Officials said more than 20 people — a combination of U.S. military personnel, U.S. contractors, foreign national contractors and Iraqi army soldiers — were killed and dozens wounded.



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States

Capsized water taxi: A water taxi that flipped over in Baltimore's Inner Harbor in March in a sudden storm had too much weight aboard, according to a federal report.

Five passengers were thrown from the Seaport Taxi vessel and died when it capsized in winds exceeding 50 mph.

The National Transportation Safety Board, in a report released Monday, said operators of the 36-foot Lady D followed pas senger limits set by the Coast Guard, but outdated weight estimates were used.

Michael Jackson trial: A judge denied a defense bid to delay Michael Jackson's child molestation trial, saying it would be "a huge step backward" and clearing the way for the trial to begin next month as planned.

In Santa Maria, Calif., Judge Rodney S. Melville also refused to dismiss the case for what his defense lawyers had argued was "vindictive prosecution and outrageous government conduct."

Jackson attorney Robert Sanger had asked Melville to postpone the trial. The trial was scheduled to begin Jan. 31.

Suspected Mafia graveyard: Remains recently discovered buried in a suspected Mafia graveyard in Queens, N.Y., were those of two mob captains who were murdered in 1981, the FBI said Monday

An investigation by the FBI's Evidence Response Team and the city medical examiner determined the victims were Ronanno crime family captains Philip Giaccone and Dominick Trinchera, said Pasquale D'Amuro, head of the bureau's New York office.

Ohio voting machine investigation: Election officials in Hocking County, Ohio, watched as a technician reneated a renair he had made to a vote tallying computer, then announced they had found no evidence of any sort of tampering, despite a congressman's request for an FRI probe

Observers, including a Green Party representative who had sought a presidential recount, agreed the procedure did not alter the Election Day vote total in the county, Hocking County Prosecutor Larry Beal said.

Dick Clark's health: TV personality-producer Dick Clark will spend Christmas, and perhaps New Year's Eve, in a hospital where he's recovering from a mild stroke, his spokesman said Tuesday



Filipino actor's death: Tens of thousands of Filipinos on Tuesday filed past the casket of Fernando Poe Jr. on the eve of his funeral, paying last respects to the actor-turned-preside tial candidate who came to symbolize the aspirations of this country's poor. Authorities in the Philippines said security would be tight during an expected massive burial procession early Wednesday. Poe's widow, Susan Roces, asked mourners not to turn the funeral into a political event. Poe, 65, died of a stroke last week without conceding May's presidential election. His supporters still contend they were cheated by President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.

Clark, who suffered the stroke Dec. 6, is out of the intensive care unit and "doing some rehab," said publicist Paul Shefrin.

He will remain hospitalized through Christmas and he will be watching his New Year's Eve special either from his hospital bed or at home in Malibu, Calif., Shefrin said.

Seattle church-abuse lawsuits: The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle has agreed to pay \$1.8 million to settle 12 claims of sexual abuse by priests, the majority involving a former pastor at several churches

Eleven of the settled cases involved the Rev. James McGreal, who was banned from the ministry and lives in a supervised church facility in Missouri.

The 12th claim involved the Rev. David Jaeger, who admitted in the mid-1990s that he inappropriately touched a 13-year-old boy at a youth camp in 1978. Jaeger is on administrative leave.

Rusiness

AOL spam case: Federal prosecutors and a former America Online software engineer have negotiated a tentative plea agreement over charges he stole more than 92 million e-mail addresses and sold them to Internet spammers, according to two people familiar with the case

Jason Smathers, 24, of Harper's Ferry, W.Va., was scheduled to appear Tuesday in court. In exchange for a guilty plea by Smathers to violating the U.S. "Can Spam" law, prosecutors will recommend a fine and up to two years in prison, according to one person familiar with the agreement.

World

New Afghanistan Cabinet: President Hamid Karzai will demand that all memhers of his new Cabinet renounce their citizenship in any other country, despite a constitutional loophole that would allow them to serve for an interim period, his spokesman said Tuesday.

Many of Afghanistan's political elite have acquired U.S. or British nationality while living abroad during more than two decades of near-constant warfare. Some have been reluctant to give up their status, earning criticism that they lack faith in Afghanistan's future.

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Coming soon to a base near vou

BY GREG TYLER Stars and Strip

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan - Joining locations in Camp Foster on Okinawa and Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station in Japan, new Subway restaurants are to appear soon on several other installations. On Jan. 6, a new Subway is to open at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, said Louis Schelp, Navy Exchange District Food Op-

"Eventually, we'll have two at Yokosu-ka. This one is in Building G-59 in the Main Street Food Court. After this one, the next will be opened in Sasebo and then one at Atsugi Naval Air Facility," he

erations manager.

Construction on the Sasebo Subway, in the Bayside Food Court, is to begin in

February.

"Today the contractor was down at Bayside looking at the site," Sandra Franklin, Sasebo NEX general manager, said

The Yokosuka Subway, as well as Sub ways at several other locations, will replace Robin Hood sandwich shops, a concept developed by the Army and Air

Force Exchange Service.

Construction of the Yokosuka Subway
"is slated for February and March. It should be open before the arrival of our fleet," she added. Three ships operating from Sasebo — USS Harpers Ferry, USS Essex and USS Juneau — may return from deployment in the North Arabian Gulf shortly thereafter. Schelp said Subway comes with strong

brand recognition and a popular menu including some health-conscious sand

wiches and wrans.

"We are also going to offer breakfast in the new Subway opening in Yokosuka. It won't be the traditional bacon-and-eggs breakfast, but it will feature special breakfast sandwiches and the like. We'll

see how that goes," he said.

Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station's Marine Corps Community Service department opened a Subway in the Crossroads Mall this summer in a position also once occupied by a Robin Hood, a base spokeswoman said.

At Misawa Air Base on northern Japan, Subway will replace the Robin Hood in the food court near the main exchange. While remodeling for Subway, AAFES also plans to expand the adjacent Baskin-Robbins ice cream shop, accord-ing to base officials. Work on Subway is to begin in early spring 2005

The Subway at Misawa is the only one AAFES plans to open on mainland Japan at this time, said Sgt. 1st Class Amanda Glenn, AAFES spokeswoman.

On Okinawa, a Subway opened in Camp Foster in November 2003. AAFES plans to open four more on Okinawa in 2005, an exchange spokeswoman said. The first to open is to be in the Olympic Shoppette on Kadena Air Base, she said; it's tentatively scheduled to open in Feb ruary or March.

There is no specific schedule, the spokeswoman said, but camps Courtney and Kinser are to get Subways and Fos ter is to get a second one

Brenda Borland from the AAFES gen eral manager's office in South Korea said a Subway will open in February in the new BX mall at Osan Air Base and another at Camp Carroll. Two Subways already operate at bases

on the peninsula, including one at Camp Humphreys and another at Yongsan Garrison's Dragon Hill Hotel.

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Subway Survey respondents want USFK to get tough on sexual offenders

By JOSEPH GIORDONO Stars and Stripes

Harsher punishment for sex-assault offenders and separate barracks for male and female troops were two recommendations U.S. Forces Korea received from an online sexual assault survey it conducted earlier this year.

The survey, posted on the military's In-tranet system in June, sought data on the number of incidents, perceived causes and possible prevention measures of sexual assault

"This survey was conducted for USFK by the 8th Army Inspector General's of-fice," read a command response to a Stars and Stripes request for the full survey and its results. The command refused to release the full results of the survey, but said the information collected "continues to be a source of valuable information in ongoing command attention" to the subject.

Army regulations state "fact-finding documents such as surveys are not released without approval from the U.S. Army Inspector General. The restriction is to protect the privacy and confidentiality of those providing information."

Stars and Stripes has submitted a request to the Army Inspector General at the Pentagon for a release of the full report.

Instead, USFK provided a "snapshot" of the results.

More than half of those surveyed recommended separate barracks for male and female servicemembers, USFK said. The majority of responses said punishment "needs to be harsher, applied quicker, equal no matter of rank, and publicized." HSFK said

In short, "the system needs to be more effective

The majority of servicemembers also want their leaders to regularly check barracks and check areas soldiers frequent, both on and off nost, and he more visible/available to soldiers," USFK said.

Without releasing the number of survey responses, USFK said the responses were 75 nercent male and 25 percent female. More than half of the respondents were

under the age of 31. Soldiers completed 52 percent of the responses; Air Force personnel 44 percent; and Navy and Marines four percent. The ranks split almost evenly into thirds for categories between E-1 and E-4, E-5 and E-6, and E-7 to O-6, USFK said.

Survey respondents asked for extended hours for services such as gyms, base exchanges, movie theaters, community activities centers and buses

influence a Dec. 1 decision to raise the legal drinking age for USFK personnel from 20 to 21

"Leadership was already considering that measure, based on trend analysis," the USFK statement read. "The survey recommendation does support the decision."

Earlier this month on his radio call-in

show, USFK Command Sgt. Major Troy Welch said the drinking age was raised in part because alcohol was involved in most sexual assault cases; in many instances, Welch said, victims were afraid to report incidents because they were underage and drinking at the time.

USFK said it was considering another survey as part of their future efforts to prevent sexual assaults.

"We plan to use a variety of methods, including surveys, interviews, sensing ses-sions and document reviews in the months ahead to continue studying this issue as the work of various leadership groups continues to focus on this important area." the statement read.

"Continued leader emphasis and training will have the greatest impact towards increasing awareness, knowledge, and prevention.

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Members of the South Korean navy salute while the Korean national anthem is played during welcoming ceremonies Sunday on Guam for three ships participating in the Republic of Korea Navy Cruise Training Force

S. Korean training ships visit Guam

Commander welcomes area residents aboard at last stop on 21.000-mile cruise

By Frank Whitman Special to Stars and Stripes

GUAM - About 30 members of Guam's Korean community, including South Ko-rea's consul general to Guam, Byung Kuck Jhung, got a taste of home this week when the visiting Republic of Korea Navy destrover Yangmanchoon hosted them during a ceremony Sunday morning.

The ship, with mine laying ship Wonsan and supply ship Hwachoen, were on Guam for their 10th and final stop of a 99-day training cruise that's to have covered more than 21,000 miles.

"Guam is strategically a very critical area as far as the military is concerned, said Rear Adm. Sung-Gyue Oh, command-

er of the Cruise Training Force, speaking through an interpreter. "It's close to Korea and many Korean immigrants have come to here to live. It's very meaningful for us to visit Guam.

Crewmembers, including 175 midshipmen, took part in activities at every port visit, including the commemoration of the 140th anniversary of Korean immigration to Russia in Vladivostok, a similar 100th anniversary celebration in Mexico and a multicultural fair in Los Angeles

"Our mission and concern is to encourage the Korean immigrant societies and also through diplomatic military relations to build friendship with visiting countries," said Oh.

visits to Rear Adm. Arthur J. Johnson, com mander, Naval Forces Marianas; and Guam Governor Felix Camacho. They also held a brief wreath-laying ceremony at Guam's Ko-rean War Memorial in Hagatna, Members of the local community, including the Kore an Association of Guam, toured the ships and attended a reception hosted by Oh.

On Guam, Oh and his staff paid courtesy

The ships were to depart Guam on Thursday, arriving in South Korea on Dec. 29. Upon their return, the midshipmen are to be commissioned.

"It's an important part of our program to raise our young generation in response to the strategic changes and concerns of the U.S.," Oh said. "This is why we visited the different places to study and give them insight into world affairs.

Naval leaders in **Guam award new** services contract

hired to replace sailors working

in several areas, such as public re-

lations, galley food service and

supply, to improve efficiency and

coming contractor to determine

how many civilian contractor jobs

will remain and who will fill those

disclose how many employees or contractors they currently em-

Officials at Raytheon would not

The new contract was negotiated to replace an outdated one, not

because of anything to do with

"We're steadily growing with personnel and commands," Con-

saul said. "The contract needed to

As the Navy presence steadily expanded on Guam, more servic-

es were needed. The Navy now

hosts three submarines and a Coast Guard cutter, as well as

The Base Operations Support contract was put to bid through

the Naval Facilities Engineering

Command electronic solicitation Web site and received seven of

fers, according to a Navy state-

nies currently work with the Navy or military. Day and Zim-

merman provides logistics and

support to the Military Sealift Command and operates a ware-

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Some of the contract compa-

Raytheon, Consaul said.

be reviewed and updated.

many port visits each year.

Consaul said it is up to the in-

cut costs.

positions.

BY JULIANA GITTLER Stars and Strines

Navy leaders in Guam have awarded a new \$420 million ser vice contract to a joint venture of three companies, replacing Raytheon, the contractor responsible for services for the past five years, officials said.

The new 10-year contract will provide support in 16 areas, cluding port services, facilities management, ordnance and public safety, said Naval Forces Marianas spokeswoman Lt. Arwen Consaul.

It was created to keep up with Guam's expanding Navy pres-ence and new support and service needs. Morale, Welfare and Recreation and food services from restaurants and concessions are not included, she added.

Navy leaders awarded the contract to Day and Zimmerman Group, Parsons Infrastructure and Technology Group, and SKE Support Services.

The cost-plus-award-fee contract pays a base amount each year with the option for bonuses for exceptional work in each of the 16 areas. Military officials will evaluate the work monthly

"Each area has military offic-"Each area nas military officers that oversee that particular functional area," Consaul said. The 10-year estimated total cost is \$423,453,152, according to

a Navy release. The contract can be renegotiat-

ed after a one-year base period, which starts in March, following a three-month turnover from Ray theon. Consaul said. The new contract replaces a

five-year-old Raytheon contract, created when the Navy began outsourcing many services to civilian contractors

Civilian subcontractors were

Mochi makers



Chief Master Set. Franklin Smith. 35th Fighter Wing com mand chief at Misawa Air Base, Japan, pounds "mochi" with a wooden mallet while his wife, Terry Smith, looks on during an annual ceremony Monday at the Japan Air Self-Defense Force dining facility at Misawa. Mochi is made by pounding "mochigome," a special type of cooked glutinous rice. It is a Japanese custom to eat mochi during the holiday season.

Iwakuni teens win scholarships

The Marine Corps Community Services Youth and Teen Center at Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station, Japan, announced Tuesday that two base teens won \$1,000 Presidential Freedom Scholarships.

The Presidential Freedom Scholarship program spotlights service, leadership and citizenship by students. The Iwakuni Youth and Teen Center, an affiliate of Boys & Girls Clubs of America, nominated Thomas Williamson, presently at Morehouse College in Atlanta, and Jazman M. Thompson, a senior at Matthew C. Perry High School in Iwakuni, for their outstanding leadership and ser-

Both teens dedicated time and efforts to

the Iwakuni community.
In addition to the scholarship, the two will receive certificates from President Bush and a student service gold pin.

New Year's Eve Bash in Iwakuni

IWAKUNI MARINE CORPS AIR STA-TION, Japan — The New Year's Eve Bash and Tournament at the Bowling Center is planned for 8 p.m. until 2 a.m. on Dec. 31.

The bash features food and refreshments including turkey, ham and all the trim-mings. Miller Beer is providing numerous prizes and gift certificates. Organizers plan a drawing for door prizes.

The tournament is open to the first 70 bowlers with SOFA status, and tournament players finishing first through third win prizes. The cost is \$25.

Call DSN 253-4657 or 253-3495 for more information.

From staff reports

Call home for less this holiday season

AND HANA KUSUMOTO Stars and Stripes

Calling home for the holidays just got a bit cheaper for some phone customers in mainland Japan and

KDDI Corp. has reduced calling rates from on base to the United States from 6 yen to 5 yen a minute. Calls to the States — in dollars — now cost about 5 cents a minute. A two-hour call to mom or

dad on Christmas Day would cost about \$6 instead of The real savings, though, is on calls on base to cellular phones anywhere in Japan. They now cost 13 yen (about 13 cents) per minute instead of 17 yen (about

The rates went into effect Dec. 1 at Camp Zama near Tokyo, Misawa Air Base in northern Japan and on Okinawa bases, said Shinsuke Kurita, Tokyo regional sales department managing director for KDDI Okinawa Corp. The price change was rolled out at

Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station in southern Japan Oct. 1 and at Yokota Air Base Nov. 1. Kurita said. KDDI Corp. does not service Navy bases

The corporation wanted to reduce its calling rate to the States in time for the holidays, Kurita said, because that's when many customers make internation-

"The price drop for calling cell phones from on-base phones was dropped significantly since use of cell phones have spread," Kurita said. He noted that KDDI doesn't adjust its prices regularly, though the company tries to reduce rates at "effective times" such as the holidays.

Officials said they didn't know how long the new rates would be in effect.

Calls to cell phones in Japan will be charged 6.5 yen at 30 second increments, said Airman 1st Class Gabriel Ruiz of Misawa's 35th Communications Squadron. Before, customers using any portion of a minute were charged for the entire minute.

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RICHMOND (VA.) TIMES-DISPATCH/AF

A hole in the roof of a tent at Forward Operating Base Marez lights the smoke moments after an attack on a dining facility Tuesday in Mosul, Iraq. U.S. officials said at least 20 people were killed and 57 were wounded in the attack, occurring as troops had just sat down for lunch.

U.S. base in Mosul attacked

19 GIs among at least 20 killed: 57 hurt in attack

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Nineteen U.S soldiers were killed in an attack on a U.S. and Iraqi base near the northern city of Mosul, the U.S military said

Three other soldiers of unknown nationality also died, a military spokesman said in Baghdad. It was the deadliest single incident for U.S. troops since the

start of the war in Iraq. The explosion ripped through a mess tent at a military base near Mosul where hundreds of U.S. soldiers had just sat down to lunch,

officials said. A radical Muslim group, the Ansar al-Sunnah Army, claimed responsibility for the deadliest at-

tack on a U.S. base in Iraq. Casualty reports fluctuated throughout the day, with military officials and others giving con-

flicting figures. Lt. Col. Steven Boylan, spokesman for the Coalition Press Information Center, the military head-

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quarters in Baghdad, said 19 U.S. troops were killed, along with three other soldiers of unknown nationality, and that 57 people were wounded. Lt. Col. Paul Hastings, however, said about 20 people died, including 14 American troops, and about 60 were ininred

"The number is very chaotic, we've had different numbers," Hastings said

The dead included U.S. military personnel, U.S. contractors, foreign national contractors and Iraqi army, said Brig. Gen. Carter Ham, commander of Task Force Olympia in Mosul

The attack came the same day that British Prime Minister Tony Blair made a surprise visit to Baghdad and described the ongo ing violence in Iraq as a "battle between democracy and terror.

Officials could not break down the toll of dead or wounded among the groups. Reports also differed as to the cause of the blast at the camp which is based outside the predominantly Sunni Muslim city about 220 miles north of Baghdad.

Halliburton spokeswoman Wendy Hall said seven of the dead were from its KBR subsid iary or its subcontractors. Hallihave lost 62 personnel while performing services under contracts in the Kuwait-Iraq region, she

The base, also known as the al-Ghizlani military camp, is used by both U.S. troops and the interim Iraqi government's security forces. It also is used by members of the Stryker Brigade, based at Fort Lewis, Wash., a military official said.

Although officials initially said rockets or mortar rounds struck the camp, Hastings said it was still under investigation.

"We do not know if it was a mor-tar or a place explosive," he said, describing it as a "single explo-

Bill Nemitz, a columnist with the Portland Press Herald embed-ded with the Maine National Guard's 133rd Engineer Battalion, told CNN there was a concrete dining hall under construction that was supposed to be finished by Christmas

The Ansar al-Sunnah Army claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement on the Internet. It said the attack was a "martyrdom operation" targeting a mess hall in the al-Ghizlani camp.

Ansar al-Sunna is believed to be a fundamentalist group that wants to turn Iraq into an Islamic state like Afghanistan's former Taliban regime. The Sunni Muslim group claimed responsibility for beheading 12 Nepalese hostages and other recent attacks in

'I can't hear.' one soldier cried out

Editor's note: Jeremy Redmon, a Richmond (Va.) Times-Dis-patch reporter embedded with U.S. troops, was at Forward Operating Base Marez when it came under attack

By JEREMY REDMON Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch

FORWARD OPERATING BASE MAREZ, Iraq — It was a brilliant, sunny day with blue skies and warmer than usual weather in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul.

Hundreds of U.S. soldiers had just sat down for lunch in their giant chow hall tent.

It was about noon Tuesday when insurgents hit their tent with a suspected rocket attack, killing at least 20 people, includ-ing two soldiers from the Richmond-based 276th Engineer Battalion. Fifty-seven people were reported wounded; civilians may have been among them.

The force of the explosions knocked soldiers off their feet and out of their seats. A fireball enveloped the top of the tent, and shrapnel sprayed into the men.

Amid the screaming and thick smoke that followed, quick-thinking soldiers turned their lunch tables upside down, placed the wounded on them and gently carried them into the parking lot.

Medics rushed into the tent and hustled the rest of the wounded out on stretchers.

Scores of troops crammed into concrete homb shelters outside Others wobbled around the tent and collapsed, dazed by the blast.

"I can't hear! I can't hear!" one female soldier cried as a friend hugged her. Near the front entrance to the

chow hall, troops tended a soldier with a ganing head wound Within minutes, they zipped him into a black body bag. Three more bodies were in the parking lot. Soldiers scrambled back into

the hall to check for more wound-The explosions blew out a huge

hole in the roof of the tent. Puddles of bright red blood, lunch trays and overturned tables

and chairs covered the floor. Sgt. Evan Byler, of the 276th, steadied himself on one of the concrete bomb shelters. He was eating chicken tenders and macaroni when the bomb hit. The blast knocked him out of his chair. When the smoke cleared, Byler



took off his shirt and wrapped it around a seriously wounded sol-

Byler held the bloody shirt in his hand, not quite sure what to do with it.

"It's not the first close call I have had here," said Byler, a Fau-quier County, Va., resident who survived a blast from an improvised explosive device while riding in a vehicle earlier this

Byler started walking back to his base when he spotted a soldier collapse from shock on the side of the road. Byler and Lt. Shawn Otto, also of the 276th, put the grieving soldier on a passing pick-

The 276th, with about 500 troops, had made it a year without losing a soldier and is preparing to return home in about a month We almost made it. We almost

made it to the end without getting somebody killed." Otto said. At least two other soldiers with the 276th were injured, but it was

not clear how serious their wounds are. Maj. James Zollar, the unit's acting commander, spoke to more than a dozen of his officers in a voice thick with emotion. He

urged them to keep their troops focused on their missions. "This is a tragic, tragic thing for us, but we still have missions," he told them. "It's us, the leaders,

who have to pull them together."

Zollar eventually turned the emergency meeting over to Chaplain Eddie Barnett. He led the

group in prayer. "Help us now, God, in this time of this very tragic circumstance, Barnett said. "We pray for your healing upon our wounded sol-

With heads hung low, the soldiers trudged outside. They had work to do.



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Gitmo interrogators may have posed as FBI

BY JOHN J. LUMPKIN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Pentagon is investigating new allegations by a civil liberties group that military interrogators at the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay posed as FBI agents while using abusive techniques

to question detainees.
The American Civil Liberties Union released e-mails that showed FBI officials disapproved of the practice and suggested the military interrogators posed as FBI agents in part to take advantage of the rapport the FBI had established with some de-

tainees at the prison The e-mails, obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, also describe some harsh interrogation techniques and a suggestion they were approved by President Bush - a charge the White House vigorously denied.

Pentagon investigates ACLU claims

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said posing as FBI agents is not on a list of interrogation methods approved by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

The White House denied a suggestion in an FBI e-mail dated May 22 that Bush personally signed off on certain interrogation techniques in an executive order. The FBI declined comment.

The military operation at Guantanamo Bay has come under increased scrutiny as former prisoners have alleged they were tortured. The Pentagon maintains it runs a humane operation there, and says all alle-

gations of abuse are investigated. The ACLU's latest disclosures primarily constitute e-mails between FBI officials whose names the government removed bedescribe and criticize various interrogation techniques they say they witnessed at Guantanan

In one of the e-mails message, dated from August, the writer reports more than once witnessing prisoners chained to the floor in a fetal position, with no food or water. They had often soiled themselves

On one occasion, the temperature in a room was lowered so much the barefooted detainee shivered. In another, the room was so hot the detainee had pulled out some of his hair before passing out.

In one e-mail, the writer described seeing a "detainee sitting on the floor of the interview room with an Israeli flag draped

around him, loud music being played and a strobe light flashing."

Another Guantanamo prisoner has, in a court petition, described detainees wrapped in Israeli flags, among other alle-gations. At the time, a Guantanamo Bay

spokesman denied his statements. While military interrogators are performing much of the questioning at Guantanamo, the FBI and CIA also have opera-

tions there. Anthony Romero, executive director of the ACLU, say the FBI documents continue to show the U.S. government was "tor-turing individuals in some instances" and demonstrates a major rift between FBI agents and the military over proper interro-

gation techniques. "There was real concern within our law enforcement community about whether we are torturing individuals," Romero

One SEAL acquitted, second put on probation in abuse cases

BY SETH HETTENA

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO - A Navy SEAL has been acquitted of charges that he beat a handcuffed and hooded terror suspect who later died, while a second commando received probation for assaulting another prisoner, attorneys for the men said.

The first SEAL, a first-class

petty officer, was found not guilty of assault and dereliction of duty Thursday in a nonjudicial proceeding known as a captain's mast, his attorney, Jeremiah Sullivan, said Monday

The other commando, a second-class petty officer, was convicted Friday of assault and re-ceived six months probation, said his attorney, Milt Silverman.

Both hearings, closed to the pub-

lic, were held before SEAL Capt. James O'Connell at Naval Special Warfare Command in Coronado. outside San Diego.

The Navy has not released the names of the accused SEALs and a Navy spokesman said privacy laws prevented him from commenting. The two were members of SEAL Team Seven, based in Coronado, and were involved in joint CIA-special forces missions.

The first SEAL was accused of punching and kicking prisoner Manadel al-Jamadi and appearing in a photo in which the hooded and handcuffed detainee was allegedly humiliated

Al-Jamadi, suspect in the bombing of a Red Cross facility, was captured during a CIA-special forces mission in November 2003 and died a short time later in Abu Ghraib prison outside Bagh-

The second SEAL was accused of trying to subdue a detainee during a CIA interrogation by putting him in a headlock. The detainee was suspected of supplying explosives and weapons to insurgents attacking U.S. troops in Iraq.

The SEAL was cleared of charges of appearing in a photo taken in December 2003 in which another hooded and handcuffed terror suspect was allegedly humiliated



Polls: Americans support staying in Iraq

The Associated Descri

WASHINGTON — Despite growing doubts, most Americans still support keeping U.S. military troops in Iraq until the country is stabilized, according to polls released Monday.

More than half — 56 percent — say the United States should keep troops in Iraq until it is stable, according to a poll by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. Forty percent said troops should be brought home as soon as possible.

That's about the same level of support that Pew has found all year for keeping troops in Iraq until it's stabilized. An ABC News-Washington Post poll got essentially

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Andrew Kohut

"Even for critics of the decision to go to war, pulling out is seen as further increasing the risks of terrorism and raising the threat to the United States," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Cen-

Four in 10 said they approve of the way the United States has handled the situation according to a CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll. A year ago, almost two-thirds approved of the way Iraq was being handled. Half in the Gallup noll say the situation

Half in the Gallup poll say the situation is worse than a year ago, while 20 percent say it's better. People were evenly divided whether were troops doubt be sort to

on whether more troops should be sent to Iraq to help with upcoming elections.

News-Washington Post poll said they approve of Bush's handling of Iraq, while 57 percent disapprove. Six in 10 said the efections scheduled for late January should be held on schedule, even though most say Iraq is not ready for the elections to be

The Pew poll of 2,000 adults was taken Dec. 1-16 and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 2.5 percentage points, larger for subgroups. The Gallup poll of 1,002 adults was taken Dec. 17-19 and the ABC-Post poll of 1,004 adults was taken Dec. 16-19.

Both the Gallup and ABC polls have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus



Financial company flooded by e-mails

BY LEO SHANE III

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON - Lawyers handling refunds in the First Command Financial Planning case have received hundreds of e-mails in the past week regarding the navouts, mainly from

troops serving overseas. Wayne M. Secore, the attorney administering the restitution program, said his staff is working to respond to those soldiers and other affected by the case as quickly as possible.

But troops have until March 15 to recoup their losses, which he said leaves plenty of time for officials to handle the requests. In addition, that deadline can be extended if troops can't file in time because of unusual hardship, such as serving in a combat zone, he said

Last week. First Command agreed to refund about \$4 million to certain customers who bought mutual funds from the firm between 1999 and this year.

The company mostly caters to military personnel, and securities misleading investors about service charges in their systematic

investment plans. The company no longer offers those investments, officials an-

First Command's other financial services - such as life insurance and banking programs — were not affected by the settlement

nounced last week

The refunds will be available only to customers who bought and sold their systematic invest ment plans between 1999 and this year. Secore said.

Eligible individuals should be receiving letters detailing how to obtain the payouts in the next

few weeks. Secore said troops with additional questions can contact him

at secore@secorewaller.com. Investors who still hold their First Command plans may be eligible for arbitration to recover certain service fees

Those claims will be handled through the National Association of Securities Dealers, the brokerage industry's self-policing organization.

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BY PATRICK DICKSON Stars and Strings

Workers in the United States often see their morning commute as a battle

Soon they'll have technology similar to what the military is using to aid in the fight.

USA Today reported in its Monday editions that beginning Jan consumers

can buy a 10-ounce container of Wolfgang Puck gourmet latte at the store and heat it by pressing a button, without using electricity or applianc-

How does the can do it? A single step mixes calciıım oxide (quicklime)



and water. It heats the coffee to 145 degrees in six minutes - and stays hot for 30 minutes.

It's much like a technology being tested by Natick Soldier Systems for inclusion in Meals, Ready To Eat. The "hot beverage

bag" is to be fielded in 2005. The military's version is less bulky, is disposable and carries no "flame signature," that is, cannot be detected by an enemy.

Puck is the owner of Los Angeles eateries Spago and Chinois He has licensed his name to WP Beverage Partners, a beverage firm. WP has linked up with On-Tech, a technology specialist, that designed the heating process.

Nestlé has tested a similar technology with Nescafé in Europe. and smaller companies have tested it in Asia

"We investigated that technology 15 years ago," said Daine Wood, a scientist with the Combat Feeding Directorate in Natick, They used it for sake (an Mass. " alcoholic beverage) in Asia. Commuters got it from a vending machine on the train and had a drink on the way home.

Retail grocer Kroger is so convinced the product will be a hit, it will offer the cans in its 2,530 stores — and negotiated a deal to be the only seller until mid-Febru-

"There's nothing like it on the market," says John Spalding, who oversees all coffee sales at Kroger, told USA Today.

The Defense Commissary Agency could not say whether they would try to carry the item.

Army and Air Force Exchange Service spokesman Judd Anstev said AAFES is in the process of contacting the vendor to see what the plans are for selling to other retailers.

The Puck coffee will retail for about \$2.25.

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NSON/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Soldiers of Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division Stryker Brigade Combat Team run past a Stryker vehicle during Operation Indy in Mosul, Iraq, on Nov. 11.

Officials look to give Stryker a face lift By LISA BURGESS gade Combat Team to deploy to Iraq, in Octo-The armor designed to defeat rocket pro-

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. - Army officials learned some important lessons when its first Stryker Brigade Combat Team deployed to Iraq this fall that are helping the 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team from Wainwright, Alaska due to go into the country next summer.

Soldiers have suggested small improvements that have already been made, such as new seat belts and interior hand-holds.

But there are larger issues still at stake, such as shaving the vehicle's weight, its potential to rollover and trap soldiers, and whether the current "cage" armor is effective, critics

Army leaders recently attempted to change such impressions by holding a media video teleconference with a dozen Stryker commanders from four locations. Lt. Col. Steven Townsend, commander of

the 3rd Brigade, 2 Infantry Division who spoke from Fort Lewis, Wash., called the Stryker "a beck of a vehicle "

"Soldiers know this vehicle is not perfect they do know and believe it's the best vehicle available and they have it to use today," Townsend, whose was the first Stryker Briber 2003, said during the roundtable. Commanders at the 172nd Stryker Brigade

Combat Team, which is due to go into the country next summer, are busy using lessons learned from the first Stryker brigade in Iraq, brigade commander Col. Michael Shields said during the roundtable.

The lessons learned from their predecessors "are really helping," Shields said.

Many of the lessons are simple, such as the need for additional handholds welded inside

Commanders in Iraq also realized that the original seat belts were not long enough to accommodate a soldier wearing the new individual body armor and other bulky items on his

With the seat belts uncomfortably tight, soldiers simply were not strapping in while the vehicle was moving, commanders said, in-creasing the danger during collisions, explosions or rollovers.

With new seat belts, the problem has been solved. Fuller said.

Commanders in Iraq also determined that the Stryker's "bird cage" slatted armor was not making the common armored vehicle issue of rollovers, even worse.

pelled grenades, acts like a baseball catcher's mask: the explosives bounce off or do damage to the armor, not the vehicle The cage armor also is sufficiently effective

to withstand most improvised explosive devices, or IEDs, and RPGs, another question raised by critics in the past, Army leaders

Lt. Col. Gordie Flowers, commander of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment, said during his year in Iraq, more than 50 percent of his Strykers were hit with rocket propelled gre-nades and IEDs, "the No. 1 and No. 2 weapons used against us," with no resulting fatalities.

The slat armor may be effective, but at 4,500 pounds, it does unquestionably and significantly add to the Stryker's basic 19-ton

And weight remains a serious issue for the Stryker brigade, which Army planners originally said would have the capability of deployment by C-130 transport aircraft, anywhere in the world within 96 hours.

"The C-130 transportability remains "an important metric, and we'll continue to pursue ," Fuller said. "We're working to reduce the [Strvker's] weight."

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IN THE WORLD

Settlers compare Gaza pullout to Holocaust

BY JOSEF FEDERMAN The Associated Press

JERUSALEM - Some Jewish settlers said Tuesday that they will be wearing orange Star of David patches — similar to those the Nazis forced Jews to pin to their lanels - in an escalation of protests against a planned Gaza

The campaign stirred an uproar in Israel, which gave refuge to large numbers of Holocaust survivors after World War II. About 250,000 survivors still live in Israel, and mention of the Nazi genocide in a public forum remains an extremely sensitive subject.

Settler activists in Gaza said they would distribute the orange stars this weekend, although a handful of Gaza residents displayed the badges on Tuesday.

"We want to shock the nation," said Miriam Freiman, a 67-yearold Holocaust survivor who lives in the Neve Dekalim settlement in

They succeeded quickly, touch-

ing a raw nerve. Images of a Gaza woman wearing the star on her lapel ran on the front page of an Israeli newspaper, and radio shows discussed the settler campaign nonstop.

Former Israeli Chief Rabbi Israel Meir Lau denounced the initia-"Spare us this return to the nightmares of the past and leave the Holocaust in its proper place. "The deliberate murder of six million Jews is such a sacred and significant thing that it cannot be compared with absolutely anything else in the world." Lau is a Holocaust survivor.

The official Vad Vashem Holocaust memorial center urged the settlers to refrain from using the stars The Simon Wiesenthal Center a human rights group that for cuses on Holocaust issues. accused the settlers of cheapening the memory of Holocaust victims.

"The Nazi term 'resettlement' was to take Jews from their homes to be mass murdered. They're trying to create imagery



Supporters of the Israeli settler movement join arms Monday as they sing following a news conference in Jerusalem. Israeli settler leaders on Monday backed a call to resist the planned evacuation of settlements in the Gaza Strip, comparing it to the Holocaust.

that this is the same resettlement," said Efraim Zuroff, head of the Wiesenthal Center's Jerusalem office, who himself lives in a West Bank settlement "We're not headed to Auschwitz with all due

Under Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan, Israel will withdraw from Gaza and a small part of the West Bank next year. The plan will unmost about 8 800 settlers

Arafat mourning ends

RAMALLAH, West Bank -Marking the end of mourning for Yasser Arafat, his emerging successor said Tuesday that he remains committed to a peace deal with Israel that would produce a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as a capital.

Mahmoud Abbas spoke at Arafat's old headquarters, to which the Palestinian leader was confined for nearly three years until just days before his Nov. 11 death at a Paris hospi-Abbas, the PLO chief, is the

front-runner in Jan. 9 elections to replace Arafat as Palestinian Authority president, which would seal his status as Arafat's successor. "We are standing here today

to reiterate to the world that we are committed to the choice of just peace, to achieve the rights of our people," Abbas said



Catholic official says Bethlehem like a prison

BY GAVIN RABNOWITZ The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Bethlehem the traditional birthplace of Jesus has been turned into a large prison by the separation barrier Israel is building in the West Bank, the top Roman Catholic clergyman in the Holy Land said Tuesday.

Delivering his annual Christmas message, Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah also said Israelis and Palestinians must not miss the current opportunity for

Sabbah spoke a day after the United Nations released a report on Bethlehem, describing it as an isolated town with boarded-up shops instead of a bustling cultural and spiritual center.

Urban Bethlehem, with a population of 61,000, is surrounded by a multitude of checkpoints and the barrier, which is nearing completion on two sides of the town. As a result, Bethlehem has become isolated from the rest of the West Bank and most importantly from Jerusalem which is only a few miles away, the U.N. report

"The Israeli authorities resumed the work to complete the wall, which makes Bethlehem a big prison," said Sabbah after delivering his Christmas message He urged Israel to stop construction, and to halt its raids to arrest wanted militants.

Israel says it is building the barrier, which sometimes dips deep into the West Bank, to keep out Palestinians suicide bombers who have killed hundreds of Is raelis in the last four years of fighting. "The fence is being built only because of the Palestinian " said Lior Ben Dor, an Israeli Foreign Ministry spokes-

Ben Dor said the barrier has already stopped dozens of bomb-

Palestinians say the barrier is an Israeli attempt to grab land the Palestinians claim for a state and has created havoc with the

daily life for thousands of people. "Bethlehem should be a free city," Sabbah, a Palestinian, told reporters, after reading his Christmas message in English and Arabic. "It is a symbol of peace, a symbol for all the Christian world and all humanity."

Sabbah said he hoped leaders on both sides have the courage to seize the opportunity for peace. "Neither of the two peoples is condemned to continue offering up its youths to death." he said in the Christmas message.

Sabbah said the onus was on Is-

"Palestinian leaders are now preparing for their elections with great calm and have adopted plans for peace. Israeli leaders are invited to do likewise," Sab-

Sabbah said that only an end to the Israeli occupation could bring

"Ending the oppression and the humiliation of the Palestinians would at the same time put an end to the fear and insecurity of the Israelis." Sabbah said.

The Patriarch ended with words of hope. "Christmas is a promise of life, joy and dignity in the presence of God who has chosen our land to be his dwelling."

Thais offer to prove militia claim Inmate escapes by wearing twin

Bangkok says it has photos of separatists training in Malaysia

BY SUTIN WANNABOVORN The Associated Press

BANGKOK, Thailand - Thailand's government said Tuesday it has photo evidence of Thai Muslim separatists undergoing militia training in neighboring Malaysia, days after Malaysian officials

angrily denied such claims Meanwhile, two Buddhist teachers and a local official were shot dead in southern Thailand, where authorities say more than 570 peo ple have been killed this in violence connected with a Muslim insurgen-

"We have the pictures to prove that they have militia training in Kelantan state," Thai Deputy Interior Minister Sutham Saengprathum told reporters

The southern state borders Malaysia. "If the Malaysian au-

thority wants to have these (pictures) for their cooperation in investigating, we are pleased to give them to them," he said, without showing any of the alleged photos or how they were obtained.

Malaysia had lambasted Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra after he claimed last week that Thai militants were being trained in Malaysia without the Malaysian government's knowledge

Thaksin said news reports distorted his

Jakarta also reacted angrily when Thaksin said the in-44 We have the pictures surgents were being brainwashed by radi-cal ideologies from

Also Tuesday, Buddhist teacher Manoon Kojahoon, 52, died after he "was shot near the school amid dozens of students" in southern Pattani province, said police Capt.
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In the same province, two attackers a motorcycle killed another Buddhist teacher, Sutee Meeseesawat, 46, as he was driving his motorcycle home after teaching Tues day afternoon, said

police Col. Chairat Su-

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Thai deputy interior minister

pachaiyasit. In another attack, two men on motorcycle, armed with an AK-47 assault rifle, shot death a local Buddhist Worawuth Limbuth, 32, in the Saiburi dis trict of Pattani, as he was driving his pickfice, said police Capt, Somsak Wannawak.

In a fourth attack, an unknown number of assailants shot and injured a team of soldiers after they finished work building a Muslim prayer hall in Narathiwat's Sungai Padi district

Most Thais are Buddhists, but Muslims form the majority in the country's southernmost provinces

Government handling of this year's vio lence in the south has drawn fire here and ahroad

At least 85 southern Muslims died on Oct. 25, most from suffocation or crushing after security forces detained them after a protest, then crammed them into trucks.

Srisompob Chitpiromsri, a professor at southern Thailand's Songkhla Srinakarin University, said on Tuesday that government mismanagement has fueled the insur-

Srisompob said his statistics show there were 1,253 violent incidents in the south this year, but only 80 to 100 a year since

He placed the blame largely on Thaksin, saying the spike in violence began after the prime minister's government came to power in 2001

Srisompob also blamed the surge on the south's deeply rooted separatist ideology. The Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States and the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq also have bolstered the local move-

ment, he said, "paying the way for international terrorists to secretly creep in." "But the government is totally deaf and blind to these things," Srisompob added.

brother's garb

The Associated Press

STOCKHOLM, Sweden - Brotherly love was put to the test this week after two 18-year-old identical twins swapped their clothing and traded places so that one could escape jail.

But prison and police officials were not impressed by the gesture when one of the brothers, serving a 10-month sentence for assault and robbery, walked out to freedom.

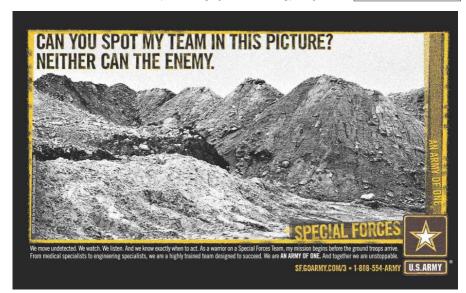
The inmate walked out of the Kronoberg Jail, located in the same building that houses the headquarters for Stockholm's police department, undetected on Monday after a visit by his twin brother. The two siblings, neither of whom were named, managed to switch their outfits without anyone noticing.

After visiting hours ended, the inmate walked out, pretending to be his brother. Faced with the prospect of spending the night in jail, his brother admitted the ruse to prison guards.

'We knew there was a certain risk of a mix up, so we took some mea-sures," said Lars-Aake Pettersson, the jail warden. "But this was apparently not enough. They managed to

The only noticeable difference between the twins was a birthmark on the face of the one doing time, but that was taken care of with an ink

The visiting brother was questioned and released, but he could face charges of aiding in a prison escape. His brother? Police said he was still



Negishi Club 242-4151

Holiday Meals December 25

Enjoy a holiday breakfast from 0900 to 1100. Later on, enjoy our Christmas buffet featuring roast turkey with giblet gravy, slow-roasted ham with raisin pineapple sauce, carved baron of beef au jus, fried mahi mahi, corn bread stuffing, sweet yams, mashed potatoes, assorted sides and salads and dessert bar from 1200 to 2000 for \$11.95 adult and \$5.95 child 5 to 11.

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Join us as we party the night away with our DJ playing all of your favorite jams and free finger food, too.

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Ring in the New Year dancing to the music of our live band. There'll be free hors d'oeuvres, party favors and champagne for midnight toasting.

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Club Takemiya 246-8075 Soul Train Night XXXVIII

Christmas Party December 25 from 2100 to 0200

Join us for a special Christmas celebration featuring a "Soul Train line" dance contest with prize giveaways for first, second and third place winners, prize drawings and our top DJ playing all of your favorite jams from the 70s to the 90s.

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Celebrate this special day with prize giveaways all day and chances to receive up to 50 percent off your tab. Enjoy our Day-After Christmas brunch with a mouth-watering buffet including Honey Glazed Ham, Roast Beef, Home-Baked Macaroni and Cheese and more for \$12.95 Adult. \$6.95 child 12 years of age and under. At 1800 enjoy a Kernel Popcorn performance.

New Year's Eve Bash

December 31 from 2000 to 0200

Party away the last minutes of 2004 at our ultimate New Year's Eve bash! With our slammin' DJ pumping up all of your favorite jams from past and present, party favors, a glass of champagne for a toast and a special finger food buffet at 0030 for only \$8.

Seaside Club 243-3379

Family Night December 24 from 1700 to 2100

Take your family out for dinner and receive a 10 percent discount on your entire tab. Children 11 years of age and under receive a free balloon, too.

Christmas Mongolian Night

December 25 from 1700 to 2100

Eat something deliciously different this holiday

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Christmas Brunch Extravaganza December 26 from 0900 to 1330

Enjoy a magnificient brunch with all of the delicious favorites you have come to expect complete with champagne. An added bonus is entertainment provided by balloon artist and magician Kernel Popcorn. Adult \$11.95, child 8 to 11 \$6.95, child 4 to 7 \$4.95.

Prime Rib Buffet Saturdays

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Enjoy a delicious selection of salads, appetizers. turkey, ham, roast beef entrees, seafood and a yummy selection of cakes, pies and sweets for only \$14.95 per person.

Chinese Night **Thursdays**

Seafood Night



Iraq mission extension unpopular in Japan

by insurgents.

TOKYO - Nearly 60 percent of Japanese voters are opposed to Tokyo's extension of its troop dispatch to Iraq, while three-quarters are not satisfied with the government's explanation of the policy, ac-

cording to a poll published Tuesday. The survey in the national Asahi newspaper said only 31 percent of the 1,868 voters questioned by telephone over the weekend supported the extended deployment of

Asahi said 76 percent of respondents said Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi had failed to adequately explain the decision to extend the troops' stay by another year. The poll also said 58 percent of voters

were opposed to the move. An Asahi poll in November showed support for the extension at 29 percent, and op position at 62 percent.

Japan's pro-U.S. government extended

the mission on Dec. 9, despite opposition among Japanese who fear the troops based outside the city of Samawah — will get caught up in the fighting or be targeted

Critics also say the deployment violates the spirit of Japan's pacifist constitution, which foreswears the use of force to settle international disputes.

Koizumi, however, has argued that the dispatch is needed to help stabilize Iraq, se-cure vital Middle East oil flows to Japan,

The Asahi poll showed support for Koizumi's government at 37 percent, down slightly from 39 percent in November, Meanwhile, 47 percent said they opposed the Cabi-

net, up from 43 percent in November. The newspaper, which published no margin of error for the poll, said it was the third month in a row that surveys showed disapproval ratings higher than approval

God's help vital, savs aging pope

The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY - Pope John Paul II alluded to his aging difficulties, saying in a Christmas address Tuesday that each passing year brings a stronger need for help from God.

The 84-year-old pontiff, who is slowed by Parkinson's disease and hip and knee problems, spoke to cardinals from his wheeled throne. Short of breath, he handed much of his speech to an aide to read

Reflecting on the past year, the pontiff thanked Vatican cardinals for their help and affection. "The passing years make one feel an ever more intense need for help from God and from men,"

Despite his ailments, the pope is keeping to his usual challenging holiday schedule, which includes midnight Mass on Christmas Eve in St. Peter's Basilica.

His address Tuesday, in a mar-ble room decked with Christmas garlands, was an overview of the year's work.

The pontiff highlighted efforts to promote unity between the vari-ous branches of Christianity, especially his attempts to break down



Pope John Paul II exchanges a Christmas greeting on Tuesday at the Vatican with members of the Roman Curia.

barriers with the Orthodox stantinople

Church. This year, the Vatican returned a Russian icon revered by the country's Orthodox community, then sent back the relics of two Orthodox saints taken from Con-

John Paul said he hopes such gestures would bring Christian denominations closer together. "It is urgent to re-establish full communion between Christians.

Nations agreeing to united security in Mediterranean

for Koizumi's government

BY JAMEY KEATEN The Associated Press

PARIS - Defense ministers and leading military officials from 10 European and North African nations agreed Tuesday to up security cooperation in the Mediterranean basin, choos-ing to focus first on improving maritime surveillance.

It was the first time that the so-called "5 plus 5" group of nations took on issues like curbing the flow of drugs and illegal immigrants toward Europe, fighting terrorism and joining forces to brace for natural disasters in the region.

We must face jointly a certain number of challenges — the fight against terrorism, against the flow of various traffic and against ecological catastrophes," Defense Minister Michele Alliot-Marie of France said at a joint news conference after the two-hour meeting.

The initiatives, to begin next spring, are to focus first on maritime surveillance and how militaries can boost their roles in air se curity and natural disaster response, the group said in a joint statement

The 10 nations plan to carry out joint military exercises to prepare for oil spills at sea, exchange experts' views on maritime surveillance and add a military role to border controls.

The ministers said delegations of military experts from the re-gion would meet twice to oversee cooperation, and the ministers are to meet annually to check up on the efforts.

The group, composed of five North African nations and five European nations on the southern rim of the Mediterranean, was set up in 1990 as a means of holding an "informal dialogue" on concerns considered vital to the re-

Foreign ministers of the group met in Algeria last month, tack-ling issues such as illegal immigration and terrorism.

The forum is one of several that aims to bridge the gap between Europe and its neighbors on the other side of the Mediterranean. It aims to contribute to the security and economic integration of the sometimes volatile region and push forward a larger process of cooperation between Europe and its neighbors to the south.

Japan to meet with families before responding to N. Korea

BY CHISAKI WATANABE The Associated Press

TOKYO - North Korea should immediately provide information on Japanese citizens it kidnapped in the 1970s and '80s, rather than waiting for Tokyo to set a deadline, the prime minister said Tuesday. Japan has been demanding further details on the

missing victims since human remains that Puongy. ang claimed were those of two abductees were tested by Japanese experts, and turned out to be from other people.

North Korea in turn accused Japan of faking the

DNA test results. "We are reviewing the materials now, and as soon

as the review is over, we will clarify what the problems are and urge sincere response from North Korea," Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi told reporters

Asked if Japan will set a deadline for North Korea, he said: "Rather than setting a deadline, we want to hear their response as soon as possible."

North Korea has admitted kidnapping 13 Japanese citizens to be language teachers for spies, and allowed five of them to return to Japan in 2002. North Korea says the other eight have died but has not yet provided proof, leading some in Japan to suspect some are still alive.

Officials said the government would consult with the families of missing abductees on Friday, then make a report to the North Koreans.

It was unclear whether Tokyo would try to arrange a meeting with the North Koreans in Beijing. which is a close Pyongyang ally, or elsewhere.

Koizumi has come under increasing pressure to impose economic sanctions on impoverished North Korea's regime to punish it for refusing to come clean on the kidnanning cases

The Asahi newspaper published a poll Tuesday showing 63 percent of respondents favored sanc tions. Koizumi, however, is pushing to give North Korea more time before taking such steps.

North Korea has said it would consider sanctions against it a "declaration of war."

New Harry Potter book to be released July 16

LONDON — The sixth novel in J.K. Rowling's blockbuster Harry Potter series, "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," will go on sale in Britain and the United States on July 16, publishers said Tuesday. 'We are delighted to announce the publication date," which also will

take place in Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, said

the joint announcement by Nigel Newton, the chief executive of Bloomsbury Publishing Plc in England, and Barbara Marcus, the president of Scholastic Children's Books in the United States." J.K. Rowling has written a brilliant story that will dazzle her fans in a marvelous book that takes the series to yet greater heights. 'Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince' delivers all the evcitement and wonder of her best-selling Harry Potter novels," they said.

The announcement not only pleased Rowling's millions of followers, it also delighted the mar-

Bloomsbury shares surged 7 percent to a new all-time high of \$5.69. Sales of Harry Potter titles

have provided the company with a significant boost in the past, although in September it said the absence of a new Rowling release this year had held back its annual rise in profits to 4.5 percent at \$7.16 mil-

Shares of Scholastic Corp. advanced \$1.27, or 3.5 percent, to \$37.20 on the Nasdaq Stock Market - within striking range of its 52-week high of \$37.24

Rowling, 39, noted that while she is pregnant with her third child, she has had the time "needed to tinker with the manuscript to my satisfaction and I am as happy as I have ever been with the end result. I only hope you feel it was worth the wait when you finally read it."

From The Associated Press



IN THE STATES

Pregnant victim, suspect seen at dog show

BY HEATHER HOLLING-SWORTH The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Kan. - Bobbie Jo Stinnett and the woman accused of strangling her and cutting her baby from her womb were photographed together at a dog show months before last week's attack, a woman who attended the show said.

Stinnett, 23, was eight months pregnant when she was strangled Thursday at the home in Skidmore, Mo., where she and her hus-

band, Zeb, raised rat terriers.

Investigators used tips from other rat terrier enthusiasts and data from Stinnett's computer before arresting Lisa M. Montgomery, of Melvern, Kan., on Friday. Montgomery, 36, who claimed to have given birth to a girl the previ-

ous day, is charged with kidnapping resulting in death.

A photo gallery on Stinnett's own Web site - http://www.imageevent.com/happyhaven — includes pictures labeled as being from an April 2004 dog show in Abilene, Kan. One of the photos shows seven people holding rat terriers: Stinnett at the right, with a purple ribbon, and a woman who resembles Montgomery at the left. There is no caption.

But dog trainer Nancy Strudl, of Omaha, Neb., said Tuesday she was at the dog show. She said both Montgomery and Stinnett, as well as Stinnett's husband. Zeb, and one of Montgomery's daughters, are among the seven people in the picture.

On Monday, Montgomery's hus-band, Kevin Montgomery, said he believed that the baby his wife presented to him was theirs.

According to federal authori-

ties, Kevin Montgomery picked up his wife in Topeka on Thursday and drove her and the baby, whom they called Abigail, about 40 miles south to Melvern, where

the couple showed her off. After Lisa Montgomery made her first appearance in federal court Monday, Kevin Montgom-ery said, "I had no idea," when asked by reporters what he had known about his wife's alleged actions. He also expressed sympathy for Stinnett's family.

'This has to be as hard or harder on them as it is on me," he told reporters. "I sure hope they get as much support from their church and community as I have because we are all going to need

The baby, named Victoria Jo Stinnett, was released from the hospital Monday. Bobbie Jo Stinnett's funeral was planned for



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Ken Wicklund cleans up the remains of a spruce tree that was blown down by high winds Monday in Longmont, Colo. Wicklund, a city

Near 100 mph winds create havoc in Colo.

BY ERIN GARTNER The Associated Press

DENVER - Wind gusting to nearly 100 mph swept across Colorado on Monday, forcing skiers off the slopes, closing highways and peeling the roof off a high school gym while a basketball team practiced inside.

No serious injuries were reported, but the gusty weather domi-nated everything from driving to walking for much of northern and central Colorado.

Gusts reached 90 mph in Breckenridge and forced the ski resort to shut down a chair lift. We generally get pretty high

winds before a storm moves in, resort spokeswoman Emily Jacob said. "We really pay close atten-tion to that. It's a safety concern

The National Weather Service issued a high-wind warning along the heavily populated Front Range after 95 mph winds were reported in Superior. Gusts reached 98 mph at Carter Lake

near Berthoud and ranged from 79 mph to 85 mph in Louisville, Boulder and Golden.

At Monarch High School in Louisville, several students escaped injury when a portion of the gym roof was torn off. The school was closed for winter vacation, though basketball players practic-

ing inside had to be evacuated. The wind overturned a small plane at a Denver-area airport and knocked an empty tractor-trailer on its side in Littleton. State Patrol Trooper Don Mose man said. The driver was treated for minor injuries.

Trees were blown down elsewhere in Louisville and a roof under construction at a new recreation center was peeled off, police

Authorities closed Colorado Highway 93 near the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant northwest of Denver for about an hour after winds knocked down a power line.

The winds eased as a cold front began to arrive.

President could get tougher with Putin

BY ANNE GEARAN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The U.S. president who said he looked into Vladimir Putin's soul three years ago and liked what he saw may take a dimmer view of the Rus-sian president now. How to deal with the increasingly authoritari an leader is giving George W. Bush's administration a second-term headache.

Bush will meet with Putin in Slovakia in February, when he travels to Europe for fence-mending talks with allies who oppose the U.S.-led war in Iraq, Formal announcement of the meeting was expected Tuesday.

"Both Washington and Moscow are having some second thoughts at the moment," said Rose Gottemoeller, a specialist on defense and nuclear issues in Russia and the other former Soviet states at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. "They are trying to judge what the next four vears can bring.'

Several Russia analysts said Bush faces two vital decisions: Whether to take a harder line against erosion of democratic and economic freedoms in Russia: and how much to rely on personal diplomacy to resolve differences and deal with mutual problems such as the potential spread of nuclear weapons

Gottemoeller, for one, predicts the Bush administration will see little advantage in continuing the largely polite and muted resnonse to Putin that characterized the last couple of years.

"We already see signs that they will be much more outspoken in problems they see with Putin, the cutting back of democratic reforms, the scaling back of press



resident Vladimir Putir

freedoms," and moves to consolidate Russia's oil business and punish a former media baron who crossed Putin, Gottemoeller said.

Putin startled the White House in recent weeks with vehement denunciations of the United States for what Putin called meddling in Ukraine. Bush and other Western leaders criticized election fraud in the former Soviet republic last month that favored a pro-Russian candidate. The United States also spent millions of dollars on the election but denied that amounted to interference.

Putin echoed Soviet-era rhetoric when he said U.S. influence abroad amounts to a "dictatorship." He also colorfully likened the United States to a "strict uncle in a pith helmet.

"I think the president is probably surprised, disappointed and alarmed," said Rep. Curt Weldon, a Pennsylvania Republican, a close student of Russia

Weldon said Bush bears some responsibility for the frayed rela tionship because he failed to follow through on proposals three vears ago that would have strengthened economic and strategic ties between the two coun

Bush has made much of his friendship with Putin and gave little indication during a Monday news conference that the two are at odds. As he has before, Bush referred to Putin as "Vladimir.

Texas still leads states in prisoner executions

BY MICHAEL GRACZYK The Associated Press

LIVINGSTON, Texas - Texas remained the most active U.S death penalty state in 2004 with 23 executions, down from a year ago and about average for the past decade. But legal experts and death penalty opponents suggest there are signs that in-creased judicial scrutiny is giving pause to juries and prosecutors considering capital punishment

Earlier this year, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned two Texas death sentences LaRoyce Lathair Smith and Robert Tennard — because jurors were not told of the defendants' learning disabilities

The court also lifted the death sentence of Delma Banks, condemned nearly 25 years ago, and criticized Texas officials and lower courts, saying prosecutors hid crucial information that might have helped Banks' case.

"One thing that obviously affects both juries and prosecutors is an increasing sensibility that the Supreme Court is looking over their shoulder at the American death penalty," said Jordan Steiker, a University Law School professor University of Texas

Just this month, the high court for a second time heard argu-ments on whether a nearly all-white jury unfairly convicted and sentenced to death a black man, Thomas Miller-El, for the 1985 slaying of a Dallas motel

"We've been here almost 20 years," Miller-El said from death row. "Innocence almost doesn't matter at this point when they've taken your whole life away.'

Critics say Bush exaggerates Social Security funding woes

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Critics of President Bush's plan to create personal investment accounts in Social Security say he is exaggerating the program's funding problems to boost public support for his

"Social Security is like a car with a flat tire," said Peter Orszag, an economist at the liberal Brookings Institution and adviser in the Clinton White House "There is a problem. We need to fix the flat tire. But

we don't need to replace the car But David John, a senior analyst at the conserva-tive Heritage Foundation, said the funding problem is real, especially for younger workers

"Every day we delay raises the cost of a repair to Social Security," he said.

The retirement system faces a projected \$3.7 trillion, 75-year shortfall. Bush wants to overhaul the program to let younger workers divert some of their Social Security payroll taxes to personal accounts. But that alone won't fix the problem and could require upfront costs of \$1 trillion to \$2 trillion over 10

Bush regularly claims Social Security faces a shortfall of nearly \$11 trillion, which, Orszag said, is a misleading figure because it makes the system appear to be in worse shape than it is

The figure — \$10.4 trillion to be precise — is the shortfall over the "infinite horizon," as measured by Social Security's Board of Trustees. The calculation was included for the first time in the trustees' 2003 report, along with the required 75-year measure. The American Academy of Actuaries criticized the use of the \$10.4 trillion figure in the report, saying it was likely to mislead the public.

Orszag said Medicare's dwindling finances are more urgent than Social Security's. Medicare began dipping into its trust fund this year, and it is expected to be exhausted in 2019, trustees said. Social Security's financial picture was little

changed from last year. The system is expected to begin paying out more in benefits than it collects in taxes starting in 2018, with the trust fund money the government owes depleted by 2042.

Rep. Bob Matsui of California, the top Democrat

on the House Social Security subcommittee, said the retirement system is not in crisis and "is a manageable problem.

Bush, asked Monday at a year-end news confer-ence about the need to address Medicare's funding problems first, said those issues were tackled with a sweeping Medicare package that includes a pre-scription drug plan being added in 2006 in addition to a number of lesser-known changes in the way the system operates. Depending on estimates, the ernment will spend from \$400 billion to \$535 billion on Medicare changes over the next 10 years.

Bush repeated his demand for congressional action on Social Security, but he refused to provide de-

"Don't bother to ask me," he said, making clear he would not engage in a public debate about Social Se-curity until he gives Congress "a solution at the ap-

propriate time."

The administration has said a plan is still being

"The temptation is going to be ... to get me to negotiate with myself in public. To say, you know, 'What's this mean, Mr. President? What's that mean? I'm not going to do that," Bush said. "The law will be written in the halls of Congress. And I will negotiate with them, with the members of Con-



Drug makers to collaborate on single AIDS pill

By LINDA A. JOHNSON The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Two drug companies announced Monday they will collaborate on developing the first all-in-one, one-a-day pill to treat HIV infection — a long-sought goal that would make it much easier for pa-

lients to stick with their medication. Currently, the best AIDS treatment requires patients to take two to four pills a day, Less than a decade ago, many patients had to take 25 to 30 pills a day, often at precise times and under specific conditions such as with food, making it extremely sea, such as with food, making it extremely sea, schedule. Missing doses makes it easier for the virus to mutate and become resistant to medication. In the first collaboration by competing AIDS drug makers, Bristol-Myers Squibb Co, and Gilead Sciences Inc. formed a joint venture to test and market a single pill combining three widely used medicines from two different classes of AIDS druss.

Because the three individual drugs already are on the market, the once-a-day combination could be approved and on sale as soon as the second half of 2006, said David Rosen, a spokesman for Bristol-Myers Squiibb.

"To have it all in a single pill is terrific," Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseas-

es, told The Associated Press.

The combination pill will include Susti-

va, made by Bristol-Myers Squibb. It also will include two AIDS drugs made by Gilead Sciences of Foster City, Calif.: Viread and Emtriva.

The latter two drugs are from the same class of AIDS drugs, but they block copying of the AIDS virus at two different points early in its replication cycle. Sustiva is from a different class of drugs and attacks the virus later in the cycle.

The two companies will have to combine the component drugs so that the single pill is absorbed the same, has identical effects, lasts in the body as long and has the same shelf life, said Robert Lipper, vice president of biopharmaceutics research and development at Bristol-Myers.

"It's the first time ever that two compa-

nies with competing products have worked together," said Dr. Michael Saag, director of the AIDS Center at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. "This is something patient advocates and a lot of physicians have been pushing for for over a decade."

Fauci also said such partnerships are crucial. "We hope it's the beginning of future collaborations," he said. The three drugs in the combination, which are becoming the treatment of

choice, together cost \$900 to \$1,000 a month. Rosen said it is too soon to say how much the companies will charge for the sin-

gle pill.

The combination does not include a protease inhibitor, a class of drug that has been standard in recent years but that also carries many side effects.

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Ron Herrick pushes his twin brother, Richard, in a wheelchair Jan. 30, 1955, following the first successful organ transplant at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston. Ron donated a kidney to Richard, who suffered from chronic nephritis, an inflammation of the kidneys.

Twin's kidney donation 50 years ago paved way for organ transplants

BY GLENN ADAMS
The Associated Press

BELGRADE, Maine — Fifty years ago, Ronald Herrick wasn't thinking about making medical history that would one day lead to saving countless lives. He just wanted to save one life — his brother's.

He said it took him no time at all to agree to donate a kidney to his dying twin, Richard. But that 5½-hour operation on Dec. 23, 1954, would not only keep Richard alive for eight more years, it would lead to thousands of kidney transplants and ultimately the transplant of other organs, from the heart to the liver. Herrick's doctor would win a Nobel Prize.

"It was a start, but they've done an awful lot of transplants since then," said Herrick, a soft-spoken man who accepts his place in the annals of medical breakthroughs but plays down his place in history.

More than 400,000 transplants have been performed in the Unitd States since the first successful one 50 years ago at what's now known as Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. More than 25,000 occur each year in the United States.

Back in 1954, though, the surgery had not been done successfully and doctors were struggling to find a way to stop rejection of the transplanted organ that had claimed the lives of every other transplant recipient.

As the story goes, Ron Herrick told a doctor at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital he would gladly give up a kidney if it would help his brother, who was dying from chronic nephritis, an inflammation of the kidneys.

mation of the kidneys.

The doctor told him it wasn't possible, but then he had an idea: Since the Herricks were identical twins, the likelihood of the organ being rejected would be reduced.

Maybe it was possible after all. Richard Herrick was transferred to what was then Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, where extensive work on transplants was under way.

Dr. Joseph Murray, the lead surgeon who won the Nobel Prize in 1990, said he had prepared for two years for the operation, discovering that a transplanted kidney, in the absence of immune problems, can function.

"And then on our doorstep, we happened to have had identical twins," he told the New York Organ Donor Network, which co-ordinates organ and tissue donations in New York area. "One was dying of kidney disease, the other one was healthy. It was the perfect human setup for our laboratory model."

Ron Herrick, now 73, said there was no deep anxiety on his

"We felt very strongly that it would work. Of course, it hadn't been done before. But they knew their research." he said.

Richard Herrick enjoyed good health before developing problems in his new kidney that were unrelated to the surgery. With his health failing, he died on March, 14, 1963, at home in Shrewsbury, Mass.

With the advent of anti-rejection drugs, organ transplants have become much more com-

NIH stops Aleve drug study

Risks included heart attacks, strokes

BY PAUL RECER The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An Alzheimer's disease prevention trial was suspended after researchers said there were more heart attacks and strokes among patients taking naproxen, an over-thecounter pain reliever in use for 28 years and commonly sold under the brand name Aleve.

The study, involving some 2,500 patients, was to test whether naproxen or Celebrex, both pain relievers, could reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease among healthy elderly patients who were at an increased risk of the disease.

Officials at the National Institutes of Health said the study was suspended after three years when it was found that patients taking naproxen had a 50 percent great er incidence of cardiovascular events—heart attack or stroke than patients taking placebo.

Another factor, officials said, was the announcement last week that advertising for Celebrex was being halted after a study found that high doses of the drug were associated with an increase in

heart attack risk. Preliminary data from the Alzheimer's study, however, did not indicate an increased risk for heart attack or stroke for Celebrex, officials said.

Lester Crawford, acting commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, acknowledged Tuesday that the conflicting studies are confusing and call for continued evaluation. For now, he recommended following the dosage recommendations for the

"Any drug taken long enough and at high enough dosage can cause some difficulty," Crawford said on NBC's "Today."

"It would be premature to say what we we're going to do with either one of these drugs, Celebrex or Aleve," he said. "However, we will keep all regulator options open and make some determinations as quickly as possible based on the data."

Celebrex, a prescription drug, and naproxen are both commonly used to treat the joint pain of arthritis. Naproxen has been approved for sale, first as a prescription and then as an overthe-counter drug, since 1976. Celebrex is in the same class —

COX2 enzyme inhibitors — as Vioxx, an arthritis drug recently taken off the market by its manufacturer after it was linked to an increase in heart attack and stroke

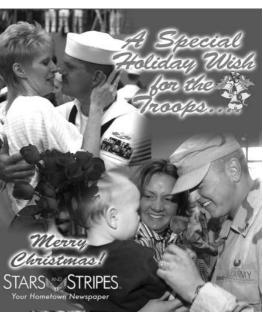
Officials acknowledged that the implications for the continued use of naproxen are not clear and will require further study.

Dr. Sandra Kweder of the FDA said the NIH study is the first to show that naproxen might increase the risk of heart attack or stroke and that the findings are "confusing." No immediate action, however, is expected toward naproxen she said

"We are not contemplating any specific regulatory action over the next few days," Kweder said. "We will be working with the NIH to try to understand the data better and determine what will be appropriate from there."

Patients who routinely take naproxen should follow the drug package instructions carefully, Kweder said, including the directions to not take it for more than 10 days, and to consult a doctor if pain persists.

Efforts to obtain reaction Monday night produced no answers at phone numbers for Bayer Healthcare, the maker of Aleve.



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Cruz, Hayek bond

Spanish movie star Penelope Cruz and Mexican actress Salma Hayek hit it off from day one during the filming of "Bandidas



Cruz, left, and Havek

"We've enjoyed it from the first day until yesterday," said Cruz, having completed about 14 weeks of working with Hayek, mostly in the northern Mexican state of Durango, "We have an incredible communication.

Written and produced by French filmmaker Luc Besson, "Bandidas" tells the story of two women who overcome their differences to work together robbing banks.

Hayek, who was born in Coatzacoal-cos in the Gulf coast state of Veracruz, said her role as a Robin Hood-style bandit came easy after a piece of advice from Besson

The first thing he told us was it's very important that these women be heroes but never stop being women," Hayek said.

Stars pitch in for hurricane fund-raiser

A poster signed by Jennifer Lopez and a guitar signed by Wyclef Jean are on sale in an MTV Internet auction to raise money for hurricane victims.



homeland.

Seventy-five percent of proceeds from the Caribbean Relief Auction will go to American Red Cross efforts in Haiti, Grenada and the Cayman Is-lands, according to MTV's Web site. Other items include a poster signed by Britney Spears, tickets to "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" and a trav-

el package to Grenada.
"I think fans pay attention," Jean said. "They are aware of the situation and want to do what they can to contribute

The hip-hop star this week released a new music video, under the auspices of the U.N. World Food Program, to help Haitian victims of floods and rising political violence. He also has set up the charity Yele Haiti to help his impoverished

Scott shares her trauma

R&B singer Jill Scott says she was raped more than 10 years ago by her then-boyfriend.

After dating the unidentified man sporadically since she was 15, Scott says in the January issue of Sister 2 Sister magazine that when

she was about 19, she visited him at his apartment.
"I came over there just to be around him 'cause' I liked him so much.
Just wanted to be around him, it didn't matter," Scott, 32, told the magazine. "He attacked me. I mean, I'm down for getting buck wild just like anybody else, but this wasn't that. It was ripping my clothes off, me saying, 'Wait' No! Don't! Stop! What are you doing?' "

Scott says that she didn't realize what had occurred until she was recently writing in her journal.

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A celebrity Christmas list

One columnist has ideas on what to get for those naughty Hollywood stars (and a few nice ones)

BY LUAINE LEE Scripps Howard News Service

t's that time of year again, time to think of Christmas wishes you'd give the stars you've met during the year if you could.

Julia Roberts already received her Christmas package with the birth of twins. Being a mother will probably provide the gift she most needs: a little humility. A blubbery waistline, a touch of colic, feedings, loads of dirty diapers — all that should conspire to make Julia a little less contrary.

For Angelina Jolie a fine

physique

present would be a decent hus-

band-father to go with the new-

How about a wedding

ring for Goldie Hawn, a

teething ring for Nicolas Cage's new wife, and for

Tom Hanks, a role that

takes him beyond his

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for Russell Crowe? The gift of silence would be the best thing for Tommy Lee Jones, who can't open his mouth without berating someone. And for Jack Nicholson, a portrayal that does not depend on the Good Ol' Boy persona to get him through. A trip to India with meditation on the mount might be just the ticket for Helen Hunt, and for Alec Baldwin, a seat in local government.

Colin Farrell and a one-way ticket back to Australia

For David Duchovny, a role that matches his stout intellect, and for director Wes Craven, a movie that hasn't a single scream in it.

A welcome gift might be an extra nanny for Jada Pinkett Smith, a better talk show for John McEnroe, funnier guests for Ellen DeGeneres and early retirement for David Letterman And for the nation's desperate

housewives, how about a hunky 2005 calendar featuring Josh Du-

hamel, Michael Weatherly, Antonio Banderas, Aaron Eckhardt, Jude Law, Taye Diggs, Neal McDonough, Hugh Jackman, George Clooney, Denzel Washington, Matthew Fox and Matt Damon - not only gor-

geous but geous but good guys in the bargain

May CBS get a clue, Dan Rather get a civilian job and FX find another "Nip/Tuck. The best gift for

Dakota Fanning would be a child-hood, and for Britney Spears, adult-hood.

It would be a charitable gift if reality shows would get real and fictional drama would come out of

Renee Zellweger may want to seek out a happy medium for her body, somewhere between Bridget Jones



IM-ing at workplace not always productive

BY JULIE FORSTER
Knight Ridder Newspapers

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Instant messaging — real-time text conversation that takes place in private online chat areas — is beginning to mount a challenge to conventional

e-mail in the workplace. Some 11 million people are esti-

Some 11 millio mated to be using "IM" at work.

But long before this wave of Internet-based communication turns, "Did you get my e-mail?" into a workplace-banter equivalent of "Hand me the white out."

many

ers are wary.
"Most workplaces don't
know how to
deal with instant
messaging,"
said Amanda
Lenhart, co-author of a report
on the technology from the Pew

employ-

Internet & American Life Project.
"They wonder, is this a productivity tool or a waste of time?"
Some companies embrace the technology. Others have banned it.
Many take a "don't ask, don't"
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attitude about employees

downloading instant messaging

software off the Internet and putting it on their desktops.

Research into users of IM suggests reason for concern. The Pew Internet project found one of three users it studied believes IM

prompts gossip.

The American Management Association found in a study of 850 companies this year most of the

workplace IM users said they engage in personal chats. Among the chat-room fodder: jokes, insider information about the company or a client and even sexual content.

some age groups.
Fifty-three million adult Internet users traded instant messages in 2004, up 29 percent from 2000, when the Pew Internet & American Life Project first started tracking

Use of IM is

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This year, it estimated work place use at 11 million. Among users who are 18 to 27 years of age, 46 percent use it more than e-mail, the group found.

its use

"This is one of those things where you really have to go back to the introduction of PCs themselves," said Lou Latham, principal analyst at Gartner, a technology research group in Stamford,

"In the late '70s, and early '80s, people were sneaking them into the office. It was considered a strange and alien ... technology by the nowers that he."

Companies like Stellar Technologies in Naples, Fla, are trying to help employers understand the latest alien. It sells software to businesses that acts as a security guard, recording IM activity and allowing bosses to monitor employee

Toby Dutter was surprised at what he found out when he logged on to monitor what his employees

were doing. The vice president of Indianhead Insurance Agency in Eau Claire, Wis, gave monitoring software a try on the advice of his IT consultant. Dutter did not want to ban instant messaging because it was a convenient, quick way for employees dispersed among six of fices to communicate without playing phone tag. But he still wondered what all that tapping was

"I think employers would be amazed to find out what's going on," he said. Dutter said he found a lot of time-wasting chat — weekend plans were a popular topic—among the 50 employees in the firm when he first monitored various chats. Volume tapered off when he told his staff they were being watches.

Some still did not take him seriously. So he printed out their IM chats and showed them the hard

Instant messaging

messaging and those who use it at work, according to a recent study:

Estimated adult users percent who say it Saves time: 50% Provides relief from grind: 47% Encourages gossip: 32% Is a distraction:

000 2004 Users at work

copy. Gulp. Case closed.

Disciplined Growth Investors, a money management firm in Minneapolis, uses the Stellar application too, but more as a means to archive communication in the highly regulated securities industry.

Conversations between portfolio managers and clients need to be saved for regulators, said Shawn Buckroyd, the company's network administrator. "Instant messenger is one of the hot buttons for the SEC to audit." she said.

While many are wary, a growing number of employers are embracing what they see as big benefits. Fallon Worldwide, a Minneapolis advertising agency, is rolling out Lotus instant messaging software to about 400 employees in seven offices worldwide.

Soon all will have one sanctioned, company-supported messaging system and the ability to integrate that system with the firm's e-mail address books. If they want, workers can route their instant messages to their cell phones, said Rich McGeheran, Fallon's director of IT.

It is a way to give globetrotting employees access to information cheaper than a phone call and more quickly than e-mail. And everyone is on the same page instead of having the headaches and security issues of people on all different versions.

Some Fallon employees have been testing it. "We use it for instantaneous communication," McGeheran said. "It's quick. I'm not sending someone an e-mail waiting for someone to respond. I send a message. Ding they get it. Ding they respond. It's instant gratification."

Others, though, simply see a gradual annoyance.

Steve McFarland, president of technology outsourcing firm Orbit Systems in Eagan, Minn., acknowledges IM is popular among the 32 tech workers in his office. He's not one of them.

"I'll get on the instant messaging system and use it for a period of time until it drives me crazy," Mc-Farland said. "Then, I won't get back on it for months."

Monday's Market Summary

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Haliburton	.50	-	39.27	+.03	+51.
Harris Corp.	.48	28	61.61	19	+62.
Allied Signal	.83	21	35.63	+.27	+6.
L-3 Communications	.40	23	75.40	43	+46.
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Raytheon	.80	44	38.63	46	+28.
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Sequa Corp.	-	35	57.81	-3.21	+18.
Texas Instruments	.10	23	23,40	04	-20.
Textron Inc.	1.40	32	73.14	+.78	+28.
United Technologies	1.40	19	103,64	26	+9.



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PRECIOUS METALS

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	5.2
Discount rate	3.2
Federal funds market rate .	
3-month bill ,	
30-year bond	4.8
Sources: The Associated Pr	ess, Bank o

Cents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Don't forget holiday tips

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — As you check off items on your holiday to-do list, don't forget to tip your hairdresser, baby sitter and other service providers.

Holiday tips are a traditional way of showing your appreciation to the people who make your life easier throughout the year. Tipping is also a way to ensure that you continue to receive quality service in the year to come, says Jodi R.R. Smith, president of Mannersmith, a Boston-based etiquette consulting firm.

Smith suggests you should tip namies or baby sitters, your building superintendent, maids or housekeepers, lawn maintenance or snow removal teams, your newspaper deliverer, hair stylist, manicurist, garbage removal team and other service people you regularly use.

You should base the amount on your tip on what you usually pay per week, visit, etc. For example, if you typically pay your house-keeper \$100 per week, you should tip at least \$100. Ask neighbors or other patrons what is typically

given. The amount can vary widely, depending on where you live. "You need to be able to judge what is appropriate for you," says Smith. Some businesses or organizations may even stipulate mandatory holiday tips in their con-

tracts with you.
You might also figure in the frequency of your contact with the recipient. For example, if you constantly call the super to your apartment to fix plumbing problems, you might tip more than if you exchange only an occasional "hello" in the halls.

There are other people you interact with who should be recognized for their service, but should be given a gift rather than a tip. Smith notes that some workers, such as postal and other government employees, are not permitted to accept money. Others, such as teachers, might be insulted by being tipped. You might consider small tokens of your appreciation

or gift cards for these people.

If handing out tips has caught you by surprise, remember next year to add in tips to your holiday budget. Otherwise, "the end of year crunch can be very painful,"

THURSDAY EVENING / DECEMBER 23 2004

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8	NEWS	Hardball With Chris	Matthews	The O'Reilly Facto		FOX News (CC)	1	Fox and Friends		Fox and Friends		American Morning	sters (CC)	
9	SPORTS	•(5:00) NBA Baske	tball Teams to Be Ar	nnounced.	●World Sport	SportsCenter		College Football (Taped)	GMAC Bowl Bowlin	ng Green vs. Memph	is. From Mobile, Ala.	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	
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30	CNN-I	Larry King Live (CC) CNNI World News World S		•World Sport	Business Internati	onal	Asia Tonight Biz Asia		CNNI World News	World Report	Biz Asia	Business Interna- tional		
31	GOLF	Shaun Micheel.		Memorial Tournar				Golf Channel Academy	•What's in the Bag?	Golf Channel Academy Golf With Style		European PGA Golf Qatar Masters First Round, From Qatar.		
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42	SPIKE	World's Wildest Po		CSI: Crime Scene I tle Murder' (CC) (DI	/S)	CSI: Crime Scene I Cadaver' (CC) (DVS	3)	MXC "Film Industry vs. Phobias"	Special"	Hey! Spring of Trivia (N)	MXC "The Winter Sports Special"	MXC	MXC	
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48	STR-WLD	The Simpsons	The Drew Carey Show (CC)	Star News Focus Asia	Friends (CC)	Smallville (CC)		Chronicle: News F	rom the Edge	My Big Fat Obnoxi	ous Fiancé (CC)	Friends (CC)	Smallville (CC)	
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53	HIST	Modern Marvels 'R	obots" The history of	robotics. (CC)		Mysterious Howar	d Hughes (CC)	Boys'Toys (N) (C)	C)	Boys'Toys (CC)		Iraq War: Insurgen (CC)	s' Deadly Tactics	
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59	MTV	Real World Road Rules Chal- lenge Swinging.	Real World Road Rules Chal- lenge (CC)	Direct Effect		Making the Movie Jim Carrey stars.	Viva La Bam Pi- rate ship cruise.	Viva La Bam	Viva La Bam	True Life "I Live a Didentities.	ouble Life" Separate		Punk'd Good Char- lotte.	
60	NICK	Juice "Rugrats/Sponge-	Juice "The Wild Thornberrys"	Juice "CatDog/The Angry Beavers"	Juice "As Told By Ginger"	Scaredy Camp Ghost sleuths' final challenge	SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	SLAM: Speed Raci Zim	er X and Invader	The Brothers Gar- cia (CC)	Cousin Skeeter (CC)	Figure It Out	Legends of the Hidden Temple	
		Bob SquarePants'		.,		challenge.				,	,			

JAPAN TV

Morning
6:45 Between the Lions (3)
7:30 Disney (12)
8:00 Japan Boys' Soccer Championship (12)
9:00 Santa and the Tooth Fairies (3)
9:00 Christmas Open Tennis 2004 (12)
9:30 Japan Music Contest: (Violit (3)
11:30 WAC Rally Championship (12)

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Church thefts

PA PITTSBURGH
The housekeeper at a Catholic parish's rectory near Pittsburgh stole more than \$173,000 from collections by rifling through the envelopes early each Monday and then making computer entries to cover up the thefts, authorities said.

Amy J. Caldwell, who worked for St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Green Tree for nearly a decade, was charged with theft.

Church officials began a general investigation of their finances after state police in West Virginia found two bank deposit bags by a road in January. That prompted an audit, and the church changed the way it counted and stored its coulection money — putting it into sealed, tamperproof bags.

Once that happened, the church's weekly collections increased dramatically, leading church officials to conclude that someone had been stealing money.

Off-color holiday humor

LOUISA — A weekly newspaper in eastern Kentucky has apologized for mistakenly printing sexually explicit Christmas jokes that left some blushing readers as red as Santa's suit.

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The Lawrence County Storm also retrieved unsold copies of the edition with the jokes from newsstands in and around Louisa,

where it is published.

Louisa Mayor Teddy Preston said he received phone calls from constituents who were angered and embarrassed by the jokes.

"It was very, very vulgar," Preston said. "It is something that shouldn't have been written in a local newspaper, or anywhere else, for that matter."

Some of the jokes were simply corny, but others put Santa in sexual situations, or made light of the religious side of Christmas.

Elva McCoy, a member of the newspaper staff, said someone on the staff had been reading the jokes on the Internet and that they had inadvertently made their way into the newspaper.

Coal-fired power plant

DENVER — State regulators have approved Colorado's first coal-fired power plant in 23 years. The \$1.35 billion facility is designed to generate 750 megawatts of electricity a day — enough for 750,000 customers.

Under the agreement for the new unit at the Comanche Generating Station in Pueblo, Xcel Energy must upgrade pollution-control equipment at the two existing units.

The Public Utilities Commission

approved the agreement 2-1. If an air quality permit is approved next year by state health officials, construction on the plant could begin in 2006.

"It's a win-win," said Xcel vice president Fred Stoffel, referring to environmentalists, the company and ratepayers.

Teacher arrested

SAN JOSE — An elementary-school teacher has been arrested for alleged possession of

purely secular symbol, along with Santa Claus and candy canes.

Rare bird found

BROWNSVILLE

— A bird rarely found in the United States was discovered at a wildlife refuge in the Rio Grande Valley, officials said.

The bird, a female Crimson Collared Grosbeak, was found Dec. 10 at Camp Lula Sams after it apparently crashed into a window, said Pat Burchfield, the deputy director and zoologist at the Gladys Porter Zoo. The bird did not survive striking the window.

The bird, a native of Northern Mexico, is rarely found in the United States. This is the first specimen, said Mark Lockwood, with the Texas Bird Records Committee.

Educators OK strike

MO ST. LOUIS — St. Louis the teachers have authorized a strike against the state's largest school district. The vote stood district. The vote was 1,427-225, easily more than the two-thirds majority necessary. No walkout date has been set. The district's 3,450 teachers have worked without a contract since July. Missouri law doesn't allow public school teachers to strike, but doesn't specify penalties.

Large land purchase

INCLINE VILLAGE — The largest private land holding on the Nevada side of Lake Tahoe would be acquired for \$75 million under a public buyout being considered by federal land managers.

The Bureau of Land Management is considering purchase of the 777-acre parcel that features scenic Incline Lake. If acquired, the land would be transferred to the U.S. Forest Service for public recreational use.

Tattoo for nonagenarian

PA DuBOIS — Ralph Bonebreak was born to be wild — in 1910.

The 94-year-old man recently got his first tattoo at the Tainted Flesh Tattoo and Piercing Studio in his hometown. Bonebreak emerged from under the needle with a locomotive on his right arm and an eagle on his left.

A lot of men who went into the military got tattoos, but Bonebreak's 38-year career with the railroad kept him out of the service said his friend. Eye Camuso.

"He's always wanted a tattoo, but back then the only place you could get one was at the county fair," Camuso said.

"They weren't very clean."

Bonebreak selected a train to commemorate his time with the railroad. A belt buckle inspired his eagle design.

Skyway toll raise

IN HAMMOND — The new operator of the Chicago Sky-way will raise toll rates to discourage tractor-trailer drivers from traveling during peak times. Effective Feb. 16, tolls for vehicles with three or more axles will increase during the peak hours of 4 a.m. to 8 p.m. Drivers of passenger cars will pay the same rates all day.



Point of entry A woman walks by icicles on her way to Violette's Florist and Gifts in the Grand Pacific Junction of Olmsted Falls, Ohio.



Flake face William Shaffer, 9, from Tampa, Fla, braves the heavy snow and low temperatures as he plays in the snow in Banner Elk. N.C.



Snow-leaping lion Oshana, a lioness at the San Diego Zoo's Wild Animal Park, uses what is left of a snowman as a catapult to reach a nearby rock in San Diego.



AMERICAN

ROUNDUP

child pornography after a student

in his classroom saw explicit pic-

tures on the teacher's computer, ac-

Christopher Casey, 44, turned

himself in to police after detectives

seized computers from his home

his classroom and a relative's

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NEW PORT RICHEY

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County buildings after the reversal

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Pat Robertson

Giving kids the world Syracuse University football player Matt Tarullo rides on a carousel with 4-year-old Karisas Sibley in Kissimmee, Fla. Tarullo was spending time with children at Give Kids The World Village, a nonprofit resort in Kissimmee for children with life-threatening illnesses.



Fifth-graders Nancy Choi, second right, and Chelsea Atkinson, far right, Jokesters, stage right joke with each other before going on stage to perform their part in "The Nutcracker" at Cimmaron Elementary School in Aurora, Colo.



From left, Hunter Taylor, Eva Len-Three little rascals hard and Gillian Wittstock with the Steppin' Out dance company perform a Little Rascals number in the annu al December dance performance in Petershurg, Alaska



Claus with a cause Santa Claus is framed through the American flag as he waves and rings the bell at cars passing by in Fort Smith, Ark, Claus, hired by Linn's Thrift Store, was donating half his proceeds to help needy children.



J.R. Richardson positions a scaffold as he prepares to cut a rafter from the roof while helping dismantle the old University of Illinois Sheep Barn in Champaign, Ill. Up in the rafters

Reporter drops charges

NC GRAHAM — Prosecutors have dropped criminal charges filed against a developer accused of assaulting and threatening a newspaper reporter.

The reporter asked prosecutors to drop charges against Ernie Koury Jr. after he apologized. Koury had been charged with communicating threats and simple assault

James Moffat, a reporter for The Times-News of Burlington, said that Koury grabbed him by the throat and threatened to kill him earlier this month at the Burlington Municipal Building, Koury allegedly was unhappy with the newspaper's coverage of a private club that Koury is involved with onening.

Crying over spilled milk

CA SAN FRANCISCO — A milk truck overturned in California's Marin County, spilling 4,500 gallons of milk into Nicasio Creek and closing the roadway for 90 minutes, the California Highway Patrol said. The truck, which had picked up

a load of milk from a dairy just before the accident runtured and milk flowed across the road, down a hillside and into the creek.

Workers from the California Department of Fish and Game responded to the accident to oversee cleanup of the milk, which can be harmful to fish, authorities said.

Trees at a premium

HONOLULU — A shortage of Christmas trees in Hawaii has raised prices to more than

Tree buyers camped outside a shopping center hours before dawn to await a shipment of 130 noble firs flown in from Oregon. A crowd of more than 200 people had gathered by morning, when a salesman announced the trees would cost \$165 to \$200. Consumers complained that was at least twice the price charged just a few days earli er. In previous weeks, trees sold for \$30. Most Christmas trees sold in Hawaii have been delivered by cargo ships from farms in the Pacific Northwest. Last season, sellers suffered losses when hundreds went unsold, forcing them to give many trees away.

But this year, smaller orders caused a major shortage across the islands. Many major retailers sold out. But some customers rebelled.

"He thinks he's got us because he's got the trees. But we have the money, and maybe we won't pay. shouted Barbara Taylor.

Bowling alley to close

MO ST. LOUIS — The historic Western Lanes — St. Louis' last full-sized bowling alley will soon close its doors, sad news in a city that's home to the International Bowling Museum Hall of Fame.

AMF Bowling Worldwide Inc. says that next month the 36-lane bowling alley will end a run that began in 1962.

That will leave only four small allevs - two of them at Catholic parishes - in a city that once boasted about 30 bowling halls.

The Western is offering customers \$1-a-game bowling until its Jan. 30 closing. Richard Weber, AMF's district

manager, said Western financially "has really gone south," starting to lose serious money more than a vear ago.

Spending most on firs

GREENWICH — Wealthy Fairfield County tops the United States in Christmas tree sales, according to a survey of farmers by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. While fresh trees sell for about \$30 in most parts of the state, the average price is \$50 to \$60 along the Gold Coast, growers say. One nursery sells North Caroli na-grown Fraser firs up to 16 feet tall for \$500, including delivery and installation.

Deaths from overdosing

VA ROANOKE — Drug over-dose deaths are apparently leveling off in western Virginia after years of sharp increases.

Dr. William Massello of the state medical examiner's office says 136 area residents died of overdoses through mid-August. Last year's total was 223. This year's total won't be known for some time. since it takes several months to confirm an overdose.

Driving fatalities decline

WAUSAU — Wisconsin is on pace to have significantly fewer traffic fatalities this year and fewer than the five-year average, safety experts say.

They cite increased seat belt use stiffer law enforcement and a tougher drunken driving law. As of Friday, 744 people died in traffic fatalities, about 9 percent fewer than at the same time a year ago, officials reported

Airport has tardy image

AZ PHOENIX — Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport ranked seventh-worst in the country among 31 major airports in on-time denartures from Janua ary through October, according to U.S. Department of Transportation statistics.

The tardiest airline this year in Phoenix was Southwest Airlines. Southwest is revamping flight schedules to improve its on-time numbers, said Bill Owen, the airline's senior schedule planner

Notices e-mailed free

DE DOVER — People interest-ed in state government can now sign up for e-mail notices about everything from regulatory changes to General Assembly votes

The free service includes most major state departments and agencies. For several years, parents in Delaware have been able to get weather-related school closing notices e-mailed to them.

Bay of Pigs museum

FL MIAMI — Ground was bro-ken for a museum recalling the failed Bay of Pigs invasion of 1961 A restored R-26 homber will be part of the display at Kendall-Tamiami Executive Airport.

Cuban-American exiles from Miami filled the ranks of the U.S.-led invasion. Ten exile pilots and four American airmen died in the attempt to dislodge Fidel Castro from power.

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Remembering a WWII vet

I've appreciated reading the coverage of the 60th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge. My uncle, Pvt. Irving "Buddy" Clem-

ents, died in that battle 60 years ago. According to records we have read, the Germans had captured several soldiers. My uncle was on a hill nearby and saw what had happened. He began to fire at the Germans who were guarding the men, giving some of them time to escape. He was killed by the enemy returning fire.

My Dad and all three of his brothers were in Europe fighting at that time. My grandmother had said that she woke up one night out of a sound sleep to see a vision of a soldier. She knew then that one of her sons had been killed. She was notified shortly after of Uncle Buddy's death. He was buried at the

cemetery in Luxembourg.

I have a lot of respect for the men who fought for our freedom in World War II. I want to thank them for their sacrifice. know that my dad was forever changed by the time he spent in Germany.

I'm glad to be able to support my husband as he does his part in the war we fight today. I pray that we can stand firm and finish what the enemy has started, just like our fathers before us

Martie Carter Heidelberg, Germany

Stop whining over badge

To the writer of "No CIB in an Army of (letter, Dec. 10): First and foremost, I think soldiers need to stop whining about not being awarded a badge that is distinctive to a particular military occupational specialty. Let's look at the name of the badge: Combat Infantryman Badge. It is not the Combat Military Policeman Badge or the Combat Truck Driver Badge.

Every MOS [military occupational specialty] contributes toward taking the fight to the enemy. Particular ones are just more directly involved in engaging the enemy. Everyone faces danger every time they roll outside the wire, but let's keep the badges where they belong.

If the letter writer still feels he deserves a CIB, here is my suggestion: The next time his re-enlistment window opens up, talk to his career counselor about reclassifying to the appropriate MOS that will allow him to be eligible for it. Unless he is willing to do that, I suggest he stop whining.

The infantry earned the right to wear a CIB by being infantry soldiers. If the writer is keen on changing Army regulations that other MOSs are eligible for the CIB, then there are other avenues he can pursue instead of complaining in a letter.

Sgt. Michael C. Ramirez

Camp Falcon, Iraa

Worry about surviving, not CIB

I did my active duty as an infantryman in Fort Campbell, Ky., with the hard-core 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment and with the 2nd Infantry Division Currahee Scouts up in the Demilitarized Zone in South Korea. I have been serving as a military policeman at Abu Ghraib prison in Raghdad for the past 10 months

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Do I think that I deserve a Combat Infan-tryman Badge? Of course not. I clearly understand AR 600-8-22. What's so hard to understand? If you are not infantry, you just don't get it. Period. Back in garrison nobody wants to be a grunt, probably because we were always out in the field training, while everybody else, well almost everybody, was back on post enjoying everything else the Army had to offer. Now, all of a sudden, ev-erybody wants to be infantry. Why? To wear the CIB because it looks cool on your uniform?

I'm not saying those in other military occupational specialties don't do as much as infantry units do out there, because everybody is doing an outstanding job, and if we all did our job without worrying about what award we will get for doing it, it would make everyone's life a whole lot easier. If you wanted to wear the CIB, you should have gone infantry. You knew that there was a slight possibility that you would be going to combat, unless you signed up just for the college money Guess what? This is reality. Welcome.

Now, would you just please stop complaining about it and just keep doing the outstanding job every one of you has been doing so we can, one day, all be back home with our loved ones ... with or without a CIB? And yes, we are an Army of One.

Sgt. Jaime Rodriguez Ahu Ghraih Iraa

A complaint on complaining

That's it! I've had it with all the whining letter writers and I've decided to throw in my two cents' worth. All my wrath is from selected letters to the editor from the past week.

■ The Combat Infantryman Badge is for infantry only (which I am not). Everyone who complains about not being authorized a CIB sounds like a little kid: "Mommy. mommy, I want what that man has," Good for you. When re-up time comes, utilize the Bonus Extension and Retraining program

and you can earn one, too. Why do you even care about awards/entitlements right now? Worry about everyone in your unit making it back to the world alive.

■ Smoking is bad. People are complaining about the Marlboro man picture. I agree that smoking is bad (I don't smoke) but so are bullets, mortars, vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices and roadside bombs, I'd rather die smoking.

■ Kuwait. Are you kidding me? How's the vay-cay going? Yes, everyone there says they want to be here. So put your money where your mouth is and come join us up in the real deal. So I won't be confused with a "pog," I am on my second tour in Iraq (I volunteered to come back), I am a Purple Heart recipient who would not leave my unit when my father passed away because I was raised by my parents to honor my commitments. I have been over here more in the nast two years than I've been with my wife and kids (whom I both dearly love). I am not doing this for the awards (or lack thereof); I am doing this for the honor of serving my country, like my father and grandfather did before me. Spc. Jonathan B. Nunemaker

What 'holiday' is it?

I went to a "holiday party." I have been wished a "happy holiday" over and over. The Scout leader asked us to bring a dozen "holiday cookies" to the Scout meeting. "Holiday" this and "holiday" that, I feel like yelling at the top of my lungs, "What holiday is it?"

It is, of course, the Christmas holiday. It's the Christmas holiday not only because the pope and religious prelates around the world said so, but also because the U.S. Congress and President Grant said so.

It is a federally recognized holiday called Christmas. In that respect, it's no different from the 4th of July, Memorial Day, etc.

Today 87 percent of Americans believe in Christmas. Of the remaining 13 percent, the vast majority, if wished a Merry Christmas, likely will say, "Thank you" and go on with their lives. That leaves a tiny minority that is trying to bring an end to Christmas as we know it in the United States.

Social positions are like combat positions in that more are simply abandoned to the enemy than overrun. Because the American Civil Liberties Union and a tiny percentage of hypersensitive people threaten every tradition of Christmas, you are more likely to be sued for wishing a co-worker or classmate a Merry Christmas than running a Ponzi scheme at the old-folks' home. So, to avoid the hassle, many just give in, like getting whining children what they want. But most parents know that the more you give in, the more they will whine. Sooner or later the crybabies have to be told that enough is

So. Merry. Merry Christmas everybody To the vast majority, take the greeting as it is intended, a message of hope, peace and iov, for a savior has been born.

To the lunatic fringe, think of it as nothing more than glad tidings for the federal holi day that is, after all, Christmas,

Doug Schumick Stuttgart, Germany BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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OPINION

Pins on our lapels and hearts on our sleeves

WASHINGTON ne morning in 1966, when I was an eighth-grader at Gen. George S. Patton Jr. Junior High School at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., we were mustered onto the playground in a forma-tion of huge block letters that spelled: WE BACK YOU. A helicopter appeared overhead, and a photographer leaned from the cockpit. The subsequent photograph, published in a newspaper, was meant to inspirit the troops in Vietnam.

As the sons and daughters of professional Army officers, our impulse was to close ranks and stand where we were told to stand. For us the affirmation was not political, it was personal. We tried not to confuse the warriors with the war

Yet over the years as the war dragged on, the dead stacked up and the country splintered, that distinction became harder to sus-. The suspicion that our soldiers were risking their lives in a bad, lost cause soon became so searing that many of us insisted the war was righteous and winnable. To admit otherwise felt like a betrayal of those we loved; it also implied that we had been duped. We closed ranks with the policy as well as with the troops. We conflated the warriors and the war. So did the country, in ways that became toxic.

. Today the equivalent of "We back you" slo gans can be found on military posts across the country, expressed in yellow ribbons and lapel pins and vard signs supporting the troops in Iraq. In a relatively small, volun-Army, the agony of 1,300 dead and 10,000 wounded sears some communities



A U.S. Marine walks beneath a tangle of electrical wiring during a foot patrol in Ramadi, Iraq, on Sunday. For some in the States, keeping the warriors and the war untangled is hard.

more than others, and none more than the extended family that is the professional mili-

Many feel a profound disquiet: at the hard truth that the central provocations for invading Iraq proved spurious; at the stress fractures appearing within the Army and Marine Corps - great armies are hard to build and easy to break; at the dearth of meaningful allied support in a robust coalition of the capable rather than a thin amalgam of the willing; and at the risk of another rift opening between the military and our larger re-

Soldiers and their families also know, viscerally, that war is corrupting, even a justifiable or inevitable war. Eventually combat does bad things to good soldiers. Not that it makes them capable of atrocity - the overwhelming majority today are too balanced. too professional, too well led for that, although the rash of soldiers and Marines court-martialed or under investigation for various depredations in Iraq is unnerving. But war is corrosive of decency and nobility; it tarnishes the spirit. Perhaps the best example is Wilfred Owen, the great English poet who commanded a platoon in World War I.

Shortly before his death near the end of that war, Owen described sorting through incoming mail to his soldiers who had just been killed. "My senses are charred," he wrote. "I don't take the cigarette out of my mouth when I write Deceased over their let-

Since before the invasion of Iraq in March 2003, military communities in both the active and reserve forces have closed ranks. For them, their core affirmation is again per sonal, not political, although they instinctively and legally follow the military hierarchy and the commander in chief. The senior officers among them, by tradition and training, offer their best advice on tactics and strategy, then hew to the decisions of their superiors

But as this war grinds on, as these dead stack up, soldiers and their families are faced with the appalling suspicion that their troops are risking their lives in a cause that is uncertain at best and illegitimate at worst. While some voice private doubts, others in-

sist - often with increasing stridency that the war is justified, that the insurgency can be crushed and that naysaying undermines both national will and troop morale. I admire their steadfast faith, even as I recognize the dilemma. To disbelieve seems too much like betrayal. Skepticism and dissent appear inimical to service and sacrifice.

Keeping the warriors and the war untangled is extraordinarily difficult, intellectually and emotionally. All that most of us can do is to mean precisely what we say: We back V011

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Peterson gateway to real news remained closed

here are times when it's utterly humiliating to be a working journalist. This is one of those times. Media fixation (OK, partial media fixation, to be precise) with the Scott Peterson case was, or should

Bonnie Erbe



have been, an embar rassment to all Americans inumalists and nonjournalists alike. For the cable news networks and the tabloids. Peterson's trial presented a free key to

Treasury Department printing press an unfettered opportu nity to profit from titillation by scandal-mongering shock-schlock iournalism of the lowest caliber. Sadder vet. it was a missed opportunity to teach Ameri

can news consumers something of value about an issue that may actually touch their lives There was something about the Peterson

case that could have been reported, but rarely if ever was, that might have helped people. Laci Peterson was hardly alone as a pregnant woman murdered by a spouse or partner. She may have been somewhat unusual in that she was economically well-off (or so it seemed), poster-girl pretty and apparently in what was trumpeted to all the world as a blissful union with Scott.

But the gruesome truth is, she was em-blematic of a terrible (and preventable) trend in American life. Studies have shown that a leading cause of death among pregnant women is homicide committed by a snouse or partner. And despite having lived through two years of Scott Peterson's inhab iting our living rooms, too few Americans learned this while watching his murder trial

Last year. The Associated Press reported. "Homicide was found to be the leading cause of death for pregnant women in Mary land, according to a March 2001 study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. ... [N]ationwide, the maternal mortality rate was just 9.9 percent in 1999, the most recent year for which statistics are available

The AP release continued to say, "The [JAMA] study reinforced at least two earlier studies that found homicide to be the top killer of pregnant women. In Cook County, Ill., 26 percent of the 95 deaths of pregnant nen recorded between 1986 and 1989 [were murders]. In New York, 25 percent of the 293 deaths among pregnant women between 1987 and 1991 were homicides."

Homicide a leading cause of death for nregnant women? Did the cable channels or tabloids make this clear during the trial? Or were they too busy informing us about Scott and Amber Frey, or detailing every meaning less personal interaction among the jurors? I fear it's the latter

A Web site called Grade the News, which monitors San Francisco media, sported one of the more interesting articles I've seen about the Peterson case. It quoted reporters who covered the story and later confessed to experiencing major embarrassment about their chosen life's work. One female reporter was quoted as saying, "I believed, when I started covering this, that it was totally sensationalistic and overcovered and flimsy in terms of affecting people's lives."

Then the Web site added, "More than a year ago. Grade the News surveyed journalists converging on Mr. Peterson's hometown of Modesto for the pretrial hearing. They rated the story moderately interesting, but by and large unimportant.

"One reporter, who asked not to be named, said bluntly: 'It is a shame that we. as newspaper [reporters] and our friends in the broadcast world, circle around this story in the name of journalism. Few of us care about the story or its implications - lack thereof I say

So why do they cover it? Ratings, readership, organizations desperate to grab view ers/readers at any cost. There's little left that's noble about the Fourth Estate (or at least large sections of it). Cable news and tabloid periodicals, if they ever did, certainly do not now have as their raison d'être, to educate Americans to salient facts in the world around them. Or perhaps they do in slow" news periods, in between "Trials of the Century" (of which there have been a half-dozen in the last decade.) What will they do now that Scott Peterson's story is nearing its end? Thank God, they must be saying, there's no shortage of trash news. nnie Erbe is a TV host and writes this column for Scripps Howard News Service.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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J **Horoscope**

If life is a party, the Gemini moon is a consummate hostess, buzzing around to make sure we're all mix ing and mingling. Don't expect anything of depth to be exchanged — but Holiday Mathis doesn't that take the pr sure off? It's so much easier to make that phone call or show up at the meeting when you know it's going to be a breezy (if superficial)

encounter TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (December 23). You do your share of howling at the

moon this year. Getting in touch with your wildness creates more harmony and fun in your world. This spring, the stars help you unearth unused abilities such as painting, musical talents, writing and the ability to make money through the stock market. You have a fantastic love match in Cancer and Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

The team chemistry is right on today. It's astounding how well you can get along when everyone is working toward a mutual goal. Even someone you thought you were basically incompatible with shows you a new side

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Make the best of a changing situa

tion. It will be a while before you know how things will settle in, so don't spend a bunch of money on what you might need. An organized Virgo can help you through the transition

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Mentally, you're leaping into the future while physically you're doing much the same thing you did yester-

day. Singles could out an end to serial monogamy by asking someone for a more permanent relation-

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Inheritance figures into today's equation. There are some things

you earn in obvious ways and other things you earn in not-so-obvious ways. But you can bet that any gifts you receive now are well deserved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your strong opinions and artistic style put you in the minority, but this only

makes you feel more special. Questions of etiquette arise. When in doubt, give a 20 percent tip. Your

generosity wings right back at you. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Success is born out of the trust you

inspire in others. And why shouldn't they trust you? You're impartial and committed to the public good. You'll get the chance to make a closing statement and

leave a lasting impressinn LIBRA (Sept.

23-0ct. 23). Be on high alert for signals that it's your turn to step in and take over a nasty situation. As soon as the powers that be leave an

opening, you can grab the reins and steer things back toward the promised land

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). High-stakes ventures are favored There's no excuse for passing up an opportunity to show someone your work. Risking rejection is just part of success - ask any successful person. Take a chance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's no more productive thing you can do than clean up a mess. Turn up the tunes, and tackle it. Until you make a commitment to get organized, useful opportunities

will fall through the cracks. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan

19). Re-examine and revise your list of things you'd like to accomplish in this lifetime. If you're one of the few Capricorns in the world who hasn't yet made your list, don't wait! It's probably the most important exercise you'll do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

It's tempting to be part of the nuttiness. But to avoid wasting time navigating through chaos, choose a road you know for certain is not under construction. Go for the straightforward tasks you can accomplish inside an hour.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't need to play hard to get.

The fact that you are hard to get is implied already in your busy, fabulous lifestyle. Whether it's a romantic partner, a job or another situation, be yourself, and let it come to you.

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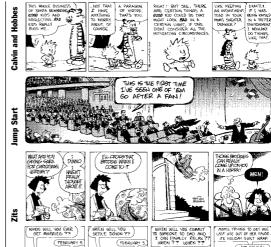
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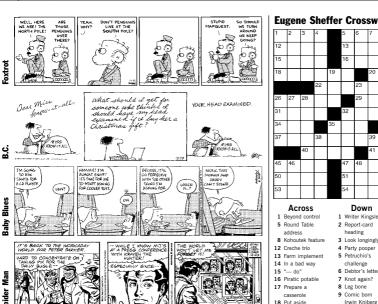
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals F

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Abuse of any kind can't be allowed

Dear Abby: You printed a letter from "Beaten Down in Oklahoma," who said that al-though she had a history of severe depression, her verbally abusive husband refused to allow her to get medication he didn't believe in it." He told her she was "worthless and said he only kept her Dear Abby around so he could be near the kids. That letter

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could have been written by me five years ago I was nine years into a physically and emotionally abusive marriage. I heard the same things from my husband. And afterward, when

he was trying to make up, he too always said he "didn't mean it." Well, it turned out he did mean

it. Once he found his next victim - a younger woman - he walked out. As he left, he an nounced it was because everything he'd said had been the truth

You should have advised "Beat en Down" to see a lawyer in

addition to a counselor, while she still has a shred of self-esteem Following my divorce, I got counseling. Once I felt better about myself. I met a wonderful man. We're married now

— Full of Hope in Georgia

Dear Full of Hope: I heard from many read-ers who identified with that letter and felt it was important for her to get away. Read on:

Dear Abby: A hus band who tells his wife she's worthless and stunid is using verbal abuse to wear her down and control her Marriage counseling

and psychiatrists won't help. The man has low self-esteem and tries to make himself appear powerful and intelligent by making his wife feel inadequate Every day she stays with him is far more harmful to the children than taking them and leaving.

- Diane in Pennsylvania

Dear Diane: It's true: children model their behavior on what they're exposed to.

Dear Abby: As a clinical social worker and therapist with a strong background in the field of domestic violence, I must comment on your response to Beaten Down in Oklahoma. Your suggestion of marital coun-seling is not recommended in such situations. It can render the victims more vulnerable to abuse and manipulation after they leave the counselor's office

Your suggestion of going alone and building her own strength is helpful. Contacting her local domestic violence organization for support is also recommend

- LSCW in Maine Dear LSCW: Thank you for the input. The toll-free number for the National Domestic Violence Hotline is (800) 799-7233.

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one letter to each square,

Yesterday's

Jumbles PIFTY SWOOP STANZA ABUSED Answer When they drove by their alma mater they -PASSED THE PAST

to form four ordinary words pounds NEFMY OSKET DESPITE A TIGHT MANTED BUDGET, HE BOUGHT A NEW TUXEDO WHEN IT WAS HARD TO-SETTEA Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Parents' problems are their own

Dear Annie: 1 am 26 years old and living in my parents' home while attend medical school full time. My mother is miserable in her marriage to my father (he is signifi-cantly older than she is) and it is beginning to take its toll on me.

Every single day, Mom complains that Dad ignores her, doesn't care about her, and on and on She remembers every wrong anyone has ever done to

her and nurses grudges. I have been putting up with this misery for a few years now, and it's getting worse. I cannot stand living here, but I cannot afford to be on my own.

I love my mother and want to see her happy, but she carries around a lot of anger and resentment. My father is the "king of oblivion

He walks around as if nothing

is wrong. When I suggest to Mom that she see a counselor, she gets defensive and claims she'll just "live out her life this way." What



can I do to make my life, as well as my parents' lives, more positive?

- Desperate in New Jersey

Dear Desperate: You cannot make you parents happy. They are the only ones who can do the work and make the changes that will improve their marriage. Also consider the possibility that

vour parents are comfortable with this level of misery. Some people derive great satisfaction

in complaining. Don't get sucked in to your parents' problems. As soon as you can afford to move out, do so

Dear Annie: I am newly married, and my in-laws have come to my home for dinner

twice so far. My husband has a little sister, 5 years old. "Cindy" is a picky eater, but

my real problem is with my her-in-law.

The first time they came to dinner, Mom fed Cindy a bolo-

gna sandwich instead of having gna sandwich instead of having her eat what I served. Yesterday, they came again, and Cindy was carrying a McDonald's Happy Meal. Yet Mom frets that Cindy is a purilling to the recorder.

is unwilling to try new foods I worked very hard on my dinner and was upset that Cindy was permitted to eat junk while we enjoyed a good meal. Am I wrong to be offended?

- Frustrated in West Virginia Dear Frustrated: It's natural that you want to impress your in-laws with your cooking, but

Cindy is 5 years old, and it sounds as if she would not appreciate it. Few children that age like to experiment with new foods.

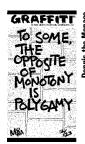
Have you considered the possi-bility that Mom believes Cindy would reject your cuisine and she wants to avoid hurting your feel-ings? While it would be nice if she indulged the girl with something healthier, there's no reason for you to be offended.

you to be operated.
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Family Circus



... Not a creature was stirring. not even a mouse ...





"THIS YEAR I GOT HIM TO PUT IT IN WRITING AND HIS SIGNATURE



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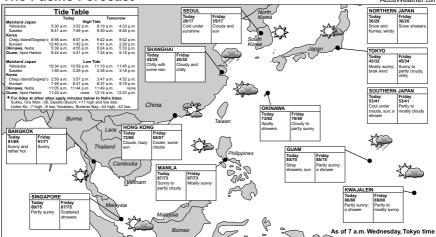


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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO
Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 45, low 36.
Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 49, low 34.

KADENA

Saturday: Showers, high 68, low 57. Sunday: Showers, high 68, low 57.

SEOUL

Saturday: Mostly sunny, high 30, low 13. Sunday: Mostly sunny, high 30, low 14.

MANILA Saturday: Partly sunny,

high 87, low 73. Sunday: Partly sunny, high 87, low 73. Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 87, low 77. Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 87, low 75.

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Tuesday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	47/26	Los Angeles	68/48
Amarillo	45/20	Little Rock	58/40
Anchorage	22/21	Louisville	54/35
Asheville	55/28	Miami	72/64
Baltimore	41/30	Milwaukee	34/8
Birmingham	63/48	Nashville	52/42
Bismarck	5/-11	New York	38/34
Boise	36/22	Omaha	28/4
Boston	32/30	Orlando	70/54
Brownsville	85/65	Philadelphia	41/32
Buffalo	37/30	Phoenix	67/44
Burlington	24/18	Pittsburgh	42/35
Charleston, St	59/40	Portland, OR	48/36
Charlotte	55/33	Portland, ME	25/20
Cleveland	42/28	Salt Lake City	32/17
Columbus, OF	46/32	St. Louis	49/17
Duluth	15/-10	San Antonio	76/48
El Paso	64/40	San Diego	66/50
Hartford	29/22	San Juan	86/72
Helena	31/15	Tampa	70/55
Indianapolis	48/22	Tulsa	53/26
Jacksonville	66/44	Washington	44/34
Kansas City	38/13	Wichita	47/17



U.S. Extended Forecast

An active weather day is in store for much of the East Thursday as a potent storm system progresses northward out of the Tennessee Valley, Rain will spread from the Southeast into New England; thunderstorms will rumble across the Carolinas into Florida. With the arrival of colder air in the Northeast, the hackside of the rain will change over to snow. In addition, flurries will occur across the Ohio Valley as precipitation wraps around the storm system. Meanwhile, the bitterly cold conditions will persist across the northern Plains into the Midwest. Flurries will oversoread the Rockies, while plenty of sun shines across the West Coast. Much of the nation will be dry on Christmas.

Thursday's Pacific Temperatures

Thursday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY I	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	91/69	lwakuni	49/35	Sasebo NB	52/40	Acapulco	92/73	Budapest	33/32	Kabul	39/13	Nairobi	80/55
Beijing	26/16	Kadena AB	72/62	Sapporo	36/28	Athens	47/37	Buenos Aires	88/68	Kiev	21/19	New Delhi	71/43
Camp Casey	30/14	Kunsan AB	35/24	Seoul	29/17	Auckland	64/49	Cairo	69/47	Kuwait	69/46	Oslo	38/22
Christchurch	58/39	Kwajalein	88/80	Shanghai	43/35	Baghdad	64/43	Cancun	82/67	London	52/43	Paris	50/41
Diego Garcia	87/78	Manila	87/73	Singapore	89/75	Barbados	86/68	Cape Town	85/66	Madrid	47/40	Rio de Janeiro	p 72/63
Hagatna	85/75	Misawa AB	35/27	Sydney	79/64	Barcelona	49/44	Geneva	40/38	Mexico City	70/45	Rome	48/40
Hanoi	80/64	Osan	31/15	Taegu	42/24	Berlin	47/41	Istanbul	36/30	Montreal	39/18	St. Petersburg	24/20
Hong Kong	72/60	Perth	78/60	Taipei	74/57	Bermuda	72/63	Jerusalem	59/45	Mogadishu	91/75	Stockholm	34/29
Honolulu	80/68	Pusan	45/29	Tokyo	43/32	Brussels	50/39	Johannesbur	74/54	Moscow	17/11	Warsaw	37/36



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No. 1 Illinois vs. Missouri at the Savvis Cen-

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Monday's men's scores

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Wayne, Mich. 74, Indianapolis 88
Outrigger Hotels Rainbow Classic
First Round
Hawaii 54, Long Beach St. 45
Oral Roberts 81, Georgetown 63

AP Women's Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press women's college baskethall poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 19, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th

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	Record	Pts F
LSU (45)	10-0	1.125
Stanford	8-0	1.056
Duke	10-1	994
Texas	5-2	924
Baylor	9-1	914
North Carolina	9-1	898
Notre Dame	10-1	889
Connecticut	4-1	813
Tennessee	7-2	774
Ohio St.	10-1	772

11. Michigan St.
12. Texas Tech
13. Minnesota
14. Boston College
15. Georgia
16. Vanderfül
17. Maryland
18. Iowa
19. DePaul
20. UCLA
21. Purdue
22. Houston
23. Kansas St.
24. Rutgers
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20. Utah 0-2 72 71 - 20 Others receiving votes: Arizona 45, New Mexico 38, Arizona St. 38, Richmond 36, Nc. State 24, Oregon 24, Illinois 22, Villanova 18, Tulisa 16, Iowa St. 10, Temple 9, Verginia Teche 9, West Virginia 18, Wake Forest 6, Florida St. 5, Penn St. 5, Tot 5, Auburn 3, Charlotte 2, Chattanooga 2, Wis-Green Bay 2.

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Angelo St. 74, St. Mary's, Texas 45
Houston Baptist 75, Sam Houston St. 58
McMurry 70, Mississippi College 60
North Texas 57, Texas 59
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Women's World Cup

At St. Moritz, Switzerland Super-G 1. Hilde Gerg, Germany, 1:14.95. 2. Lindsey C. Kildow, United States, 1:15.32 3. Maria Riesch, Germany, 1:15.40. 4. Michaela Dorfmeister, Austria, 1:15.42. 5. Lucia Recchia, Italy, 1:15.49. 6. Tina Maze, Slovenia, 1:15.75. . Tina Maze, Slovenia, 1:15.75. Kelly Vanderbeek, Canada, 1:15.81. Petra Halltmayr, Germany, 1:15.89. Renate Goetschl, Austria, 1:15.90. O. Carole Montillet, France, 1:15.94. 1. Emily Brydon, Canada, 1:16.01. 2. Fraenzi Aufdenblatten, Switze b.03. 3. Anja Paerson, Sweden, Sweden, 5.09. 1:16.03

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3. Kildow, 163.
4. Lucia Recchia, Italy, 125.
5. Tina Maze, Slovenía, 112.
6. Alexandra Meissnitzer, Austria, 110.
7. Renate Goetschi, Austria, 190.
8. Janica Kostelic, Croatia, 100.
9. Anja Paerson, Sweden, 74.
9. Julia Mancuso, United States, 74.

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Monday's transactions

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BOSTON RED SOX—Acquired OF Jay Payon, INF Ramon Vazquez, RHP David Pauley
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CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with 2B Ronnie Belliard on a one-year con-

DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with OF lex Sanchez and C Brandon Inge on

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MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with OF Jacque Jones, DH Matthew LeCroy, 2B Luis Rivas, RHP Matt Guerrier and OF Micha-el Ryan on one-year contracts. LIDS RWAS, her mass userier and a mini-de Hyan on one-year contracts.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with RHP Chad Bradford, RHP Tim Harikkala and William And Bradford, RHP Tim Harikkala and Shark Elis on one-year contracts.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Acquired RHP Sean From Taylor.

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CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with INF
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CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with
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PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with LHP Aaron Fultz on a one-year contract. Designated C Michel Hernandez for assignment. Sold the contract of RHP Aaron Myette to Tohoku Rakuten of Japan's Pacific

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FOOTBALL
National Football League
NEW YORK GIANTS-Placed LB Barrett
Green and DE Regan Upshaw on injured reserve. Signed DE Raheem Orr and OL Jason
Hilliard from the practice squad. Signed DE
Claude Harriott and OL Josh Parrish to the

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ery football coach.
LSU—Announced sophomore F Regis
Koundjia has left the men's basketball team.
MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE—Named Norman Jo-

seph football coach.

NEW MEXICO STATE—Dismissed sophomore G Robert Frazier from the men's basketball team for violating team rules.

OHIO STATE—Suspended QB Troy Smith for violating team and NCAA rules.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—Announced the resignation of Rick Majerus, men's basket-ball coach.

Iverson hits 50 again, but 76ers lose to Jazz

Allen Iverson was unstonnable again, hitting long jumpers and running floaters from every angle on the court

Yao Ming just parked his big body under the basket and made one easy layup after another. With a dazzling display of quickness and shooting,

the 6-foot Iverson scored 51 points Monday night, becoming only the seventh player in NBA history to reach at least 50 in consecutive games.

But he fouled out with 4.5 seconds left, setting up Mehmet Okur's winning free throws in Utah's



103-101 victory at Philadelphia. "If a guy's going well, you milk it. You just keep running the same play over and over until they stop it." Iverson said.

That's exactly what the Hous ton Rockets did, going down low time and time again to the 7-foot-6 Van who finished with a season-high 40 points in a 114-102 victory over the visiting Raptors.

'It seemed like he was just imbedded in the paint," Toronto's Eric Williams said. "It seemed like he spent 20 seconds in there sometimes

Tracy McGrady added 34 points and 12 rebounds for Houston, which set a season high for points. Yao also grabbed 10 rebounds and shot 13-for-16 from the field.

Only one of Yao's baskets - an 11-foot turnaround jumper late in the fourth quarter — came from more than 9 feet out. He hit five layups and four dunks, one 5-foot shot and two 9-footers. He also made 14 of 18 free throws

At Philadelphia, Iverson followed up his 54-point game Saturday in Milwaukee with another gem, be-coming the first Sixers player to score 50 in back-to-back games and the first Philadelphia player to accomplish the feat since Wilt Chamberlain for the Warriors in 1962.

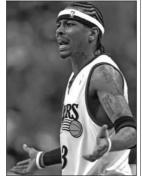
The last NBA player to score 50 points in consecutive games was Antawn Jamison in December 2000 with Golden State. Iverson joined Rick Barry, Elgin Baylor, Chamberlain, Bernard King, Michael Jordan and Jamison as the only players to accomplish the feat.

Iverson scored on a variety of shots, hitting three-pointers, off-balance drives and a reverse left-handed layup that brought the crowd to its feet He went 18-for-31 from the field, including 4-for-6 from three-point range, and 11-for-17 from the line. He also had six assists.

"He puts up 50 points two nights in a row and he's still looking for us," teammate Kyle Korver said "It's pretty amazing."

Iverson scored 21 in the third quarter to help the Sixers overcome a 16-point halftime deficit, only to watch from the bench as the comeback fell short After Okur hit his foul shots Willie Green missed a runner, ending Utah's seven-game road losing streak and three-game skid overall.

Bulls 92, Trail Blazers 87: At Chicago, Ben Gordon scored 23 points with Michael Jordan in attendance, and the Bulls won their fourth straight for the first time since Jordan's 1998 championship team won 13 in a row



76ers guard Allen Iverson questions a technical foul on him. He scored 50 points, but he fouled out late in the game and his foul led to the Jazz's winning points.

Suns 107. Nuggets 105: Amare Stoudemire had 32 points and nine rebounds, and Quentin Richardson tipped in a shot at the buzzer to help Phoenix extend its winning streak to nine.

Richardson finished with 19 points and seven rebounds, and Steve Nash added 15 points and 10 assists to give Phoenix its second nine-game winning streak this season. The Suns have won 18 of 19 and eight straight on the road, one short of the team record.

Andre Miller had 23 points and 11 assists and Kenyon Martin added 22 points and 11 rebounds for Denver, which played without starters Carmelo Anthony and Marcus Camby.

Grizzlies 82. Lakers 72: Shane Battier had 17 oints, Mike Miller scored five in the final 2:46 and Memphis beat the Lakers at Los Angeles for the first time after 18 losses

Kobe Bryant had 11 points, eight assists and six rebounds. The Lakers shot 31.9 percent from the field, including 5-for-28 from three-point range, and didn't make a field goal in the final 6:52.

Wizards 103, Warriors 101: Gilbert Arenas drove the length of the floor, got past top Golden State defender Mickael Pietrus and scored an acrobatic layup with less than a second left to lift visiting Washington

Arenas burned his former team for 29 points, seven rebounds and five assists as the Wizards held on despite blowing a 14-point lead in the second

NBA scoreboard

Eastern Conference Atlantic Division W L Pct GB

Boston	11	12	.478	11/2	
Philadelphia	10	14	.417	3	
Toronto	9	18	.333	51/2	
New Jersey	7	16	.304	51/2	
Southeast D	ivis	ion			
Miami	19	7	.731	-	
Washington	14	9	.609	31/2	
Orlando	14	10	.583	4	
Charlotte	6	14	.300	10	
Atlanta	4	20	.167	14	
Central Di	visio	n			
Cleveland	14	10	.583	-	
Detroit	12	11	.522	11/2	
Indiana	12	11	.522	11/2	
Chicago	8	15	.348	51/2	
Milwaukee	6	15	.286	61/2	

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Dallas	16	9	.640	4				
Houston	12	13	.480	8				
Memphis	12	15	.444	9				
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Seattle	18	5	.783	-				
Minnesota	15	8	.652	3				
Denver		12	.520	6				
Portland		12	.500	61/2				
Utah	11		.423	81/2				
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Phoenix	22	3	.880	-				
Sacramento	16		.696	5				
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Bulls 92, Trail Blazers 87

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Carter eager to show Nets his best stuff The Associated Press after his first practice with the sons in Toronto, where he was the

FORT MILL, S.C. - Vince Cart

er's strained left Achilles' tendon will keep him from playing Tuesday night when the New Jersey Nets face the Charlotte Bobcats But Carter can't wait to play for

his new team and prove he hasn't lost a step or an inch on his jump. "I'm going to make a lot of people eat their words when it's time," the former Raptor said Nets

Carter was traded from Toronto to New Jersey on Friday for Aaron Williams, Eric Williams, Alonzo Mourning and two conditional first-round picks. The deal was finalized Monday. Mourning probably will be bought out of his contract

For the 27-year-old Carter, this is a new beginning after 61/2 seaface of the franchise. Carter's role with New Jersey

will be much different. The Nets are Jason Kidd's team first then Richard Jefferson's. That doesn't bother five-time All-Star Carter.

"I'm happy with it," Carter id. "I'm just there to be that other guy, that third guy to help out. Now who are you going to worry about more? It's going to



At Osan, school still in session

Prep teams learning, sometimes the hard way, in Pacificwide tournament

BY DAVE ORNAUER Stars and Strines

OSAN AIR BASE South Korea or three base high school teams, this week's Osan Pacificwide Open Holi-day Basketball Tournament has been a different sort of

"Sort of School of Hard Knocks 101," tournament director Tony Mason said of Seoul American's boys and girls teams and Osan American's boys team, all competing against post-level adult teams from Korea, Okinawa and Guam,

They've faced a much different caliber of opponent than in Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference play: older players, bigger, stronger, more aggressive, physical and experienced, who regularly make the moves and plays they're just start-

The learning curve has varied

by team: Seoul American's boys played like two-time defending Far East Class AA tournament champions. They not only won a - the first by a high school team since the tournament began in 1987 — but clobbered Korea's Suwon Trail Blazers 68-42 and 22-point deficit against Camp Humphreys to six before

■ Seoul American's girls lost their opener by 20 points to Osan American but then

fell by a combined seven points in their next three games. In a two-point loss to Camp Humphreys and a one-point setback to Yongsan Garrison, the Fal-cons had chances to win in the closing seconds.

Falcons The broke through on Tuesday. Led by senior Janel Daniels 21 points, the girls joined the boys team in the win column with a 55-41 victory Suwon

■ The Osan American boys have had the roughest time, losing by 66 points to Yongsan and 45 to Korea's Kunsan Wolf Pack. But players, coaches and tour-

nament officials said the experience in beneficial. "They learn individually as players and collectively as a

team," Seoul American boys coach Steve Boyd said. "This is growth."

"These guys are helping us out," added Osan American boys coach Bruce Collins, "We're run-

ning our plays against a higher level of opposition. Our growth shows. It makes all the difference in the world. It's all positive." When Pacificwide open tourna-

ments such as the Martin Luther King on Okinawa have opened their doors to high school teams, they've been a platform for the younger players' experience and

Kadena Since Kubasaki High Schools on Okinawa have played in the MLK. Only a few times did their boys or girls teams make the playoff round. Kadena's and Kubasaki's girls placed third and fourth in the MLK last year, the highest any prep team has finished there.

When Osan American entered its boys and girls teams in the 2002 Osan tournament, each finished 0-5 in round-robin play and failed to win any playoff games.

But players and coaches say it isn't about wins and losses; it's about what they learn.

Seoul American's girls dominate KAIAC. They've won the league title and postseason tournament yearly since 1993 and finished in the final four of the Far East Class AA Tournament seven consecutive times. The Falcons' closest game in

this KAIAC season was a 31-point victory over Osan American. Coach Charlotte Hicks said she wanted something a little tough-er, and the Osan tournament has

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given just that to a team that will host the Class AA tournament in February.

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The teams were an attenmagnet tion among post-level players this week. Said Suwon's Josh Smith, "They're young, they have a lot to prove

against grown men. But they don't have anything to lose — and that's what makes them danger-

"Even though we beat them by 20 points," Defenders guard Kazue "Jo-Jo" Dancer said of the Falcons girls, "they fought all the way to the end."

But the tournament has risk: fear of injury while facing more aggressive players sometimes can lead to intimidation. That's why players must "keep it real, said Osan American senior guard Chris Durham. "Everybody



Seoul American's Jamaal Mohn (3) tries to shoot between Suwon's Desmond Kirby, left, and Maurice Jackson on Sunday in the Osan Pacificwide Open Holiday Basketball Tournament at Osan Air Base, South Korea. Mohn and the Falcons beat Suwon 68-42, but to coach Steve Boyd, whose team became the first prep team to beat a post-level team in the tournament, entering was about improving fundamentals.

knows their limits. You don't try to match their physical play but stay within yourself. I'm not intimidated at all. Others, you can see they are, but you can see them play better as they play more against these guvs.

Mason and other tournament officials said they took pains to impress on post-team coaches how they, too, can help with the prep teams' growth.

Injuries are "a concern to us but in our coaches' meeting, we tell them the primary purpose of high school teams here is to help them progress and develop," he

Coaches and players try to do their part with mentoring the high school players.

In Osan's 79-55 victory over Seoul American's boys, "I told my guys to play hard and let them know how it feels, give them something real, show them what it's like," Defenders coach Tony

Jones said, "If we laid down, it wouldn't do them any good.

Sometimes a military player will get a high schooler one-on-one during a break in the action and impart "small hints" to help improve the younger player's fundamentals, said Osan swingman Ramon Moss.

"I'm happy to help them with that," he said. "If you truly love the game, you don't mind giving back to it. They're the next gener-

Wherever the three prep squads finish, the lessons they learn this week are priceless, Col lins said.

"We're learning a lot running plays against defenses we haven't seen," he said. "We're learning to slow it down, think about running the plays, don't feel the pressure and have fun.

"We'll be a lot better team" after the holiday break.

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Louisville's Petrino signs \$1 million-a-year deal

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Louisville football coach Bobby Petrino signed a contract Tuesday that will pay him \$1 million a year and a \$100,000 bonus if the Cardinals win the actional championship

win the national championship.
The 43-year-old Petrino was
making \$550,000 a year under his
old contract. The new deal adds a
\$50,000 bonus if the Cardinals
reach the Bowl Championship Series title game and another
\$50,000 if the Cardinals win it.

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Louisville will join the Big East
next season. The Cardinals were
not eligible to automatically qualify for the BCS as members of Conference USA.

"That's what our goal is," Petrino said of the BCS. "It's certainly something that's out there for us and something we're committed to getting done."

The seventh-ranked Cardinals (10-1) earned the highest ranking in school history and led the nation in points and yards per game. Petrino has been mentioned as a candidate for several major



coaching jobs in the past month, but assured members of Louisville's athletics associ-

of Louisville's athletics association board Tuesday morning that does not intend to leave.

The new contract, like the old one, runs through the 2010 season. Petrino will earn a \$1 million bonus if he stays through the 2007 season.

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"I'm looking forward to the upcoming years," he said. "This is the place I want to be, this is the

place my family wants to be."
Louisville athletic director
Tom Jurich expects Petrino's
name to be mentioned when
high-profile jobs open.

"There are certainly schools out there that have more money than us," Jurich said. "But we're going to do everything in our power to keep everything stabilized here."

The Cardinals play No. 10 Boise State (11-0) in the Liberty Bowl on Dec. 31. Ohio State suspends QB Smith for Alamo Bowl

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith was suspended on Monday for violating team and NCAA rules and will not play in next week's Alamo Bowl.

Coach Jim Tressel would not say what Smith did or when the violation occurred, but said the university became aware of the prob-

lem on Thursday.

"Obviously, he feels terrible that he didn't take care of his responsibilities." Tressel said.

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Smith, a sophomore, will not travel with the team to San Anto-

nio for the Dec. 29 game against Oklahoma State.

Justin Zwick, a sophomore, will start. He had been the starter until he lost the job after mildly separating his left (non-throwing) shoulder in the sixth game of the season.

"I am aware of what is expected, both on and off the field, at Ohio State and I have fallen short of those expectations," Smith said in a statement.

Memphis gives West contract extension

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Memphis coach Tommy West agreed to a one-year contract extension after

leading the Tigers to back-to-back bowl games for the first time in the program's history.

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West received the extension
Monday while in Mobile, Ala.,
where the Tigers (8-3) play Bowling Green in the GMAC Bowl on

"Tve made it very clear that this is what I wanted to happen," West said. "I'm really enthused and excited it's going to work out the way we wanted it to work out."

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West's new contract runs through 2009 and raises his income to \$800,000 a year.

Memphis has won eight or more games two seasons in a row for the first time in 40 years.

Stanford-bound Harris stays committed to Pitt

BY ALAN ROBINSON The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Pitt quarterback Tyler Palko clearly isn't happy with the Panthers' pending coaching change, saying it "stinks." Coach Walt Harris doesn't seem all that thrilled with

it, either.

Harris, allowed to leave for Stanford last week in a move some players essentially consider a firing, acknowledged it is an emotional time as he prepares to coach the No. 19 Panthers in the Fiesta Bowl against No. 5 Utah on Jan 1

Jan. 1. "Sure," Harris said Monday night. "Th trying to act like it isn't, I guess because I think that's probably the way you're supposed to act. We were down at City Council today for University of Pittsburgh Football Day, and it is very emotional. I spent eight years trying to rebuild this football program and I think we accomplished that."

Asked if he wished he were staying, Harris said, "I think those questions are, unfortunately, behind us now. I do love these players, I have told them how much they meant to me, and that life goes on."

Some players were more vocal about Harris' departure, especially Palko, who unsuccessfully lobbied Pitt's administration to give Harris a new contract. Harris was signed through 2006, but the school said the contract wouldn't be extended — an awkward situation that all but guaranteed a coaching change.

"It's a business and it's cutthroat and it stinks," said Palko, the son of a Pittsburgh-area high school coach. "But being around it my whole life, you understand this is part of the job.

"Coach Harris has been great.

He hasn't been selfish about anything, he's been all about the team and we appreciate that."

Harris' 25-12 record since 2002 is the best for a Pitt coach over a three-year span since Jackie Sher-rill's teams went 33-3 from 1979-81. Still, athletic director Jeff Long said last week he couldn't say he was "disappoint-ed" Harris is departing.

Long and Harris were not close, and Long was angered in mid-October when the coach's former agent demanded the school give Harris a new contract or let him seek another job.

Long interviewed Carolina Panthers assistant coach Sal Sunseri, a former Pitt assistant, on Monday and is winding down his search for Harris' replacement. Among those interviewed were Oklahoma assistant coach Bo Pelini, Baltimore Ravens assistant Matt Cavanaugh, New York Gi ants assistant Tim Lewis and Pitt defensive coordinator Rhoads. Former Miami Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt pulled out of consideration Thursday, say ing he wasn't ready to take another job

Pitt has signaled it wants to hire a coach before the players leave campus Thursday, but it wasn't certain Monday if Long is ready to recommend his choice to chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg.

Some Pitt players think they already have a good coach, and many remain confused about why Harris is leaving.

"I think when it happened, it was (a distraction)," third-team All-America tackle Rob Petitti said. "Now, we have our eye on the bull's-eye. Coach Harris said he wanted to coach us in a bowl game and wants to go out with a win, and I want to go out with a win. So we need to go and win now."





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Crew coach Andrulis agrees to new contract

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Columbus Crew coach Greg Andrulis will return next season, agreeing to a new contract Monday

The 46-year-old Andrulis was the league's coach of the year, the team to a 12-5-13 record. The Crew lost 2-1 in total goals to the New England Revolution in the two-game Eastern Conference semifinals

Andrulis became head coach of the Crew six games into the 2001

season.
"I'm thrilled to continue as head coach of the Columbus Crew," Andrulis said. "We have some unfinished business that will drive us toward the MLS Cup

Terms of the deal were not dis-

Price's 17-year run in top 50 of world golf ranking ends

JACKSONVILLE, Florida -Nick Price of Zimbabwe slipped to No. 51 in the final world ranking of 2004, ending the most remarkable run since the official world rankings began in 1986.

Price had been in the top 50 for a record 17 consecutive years dating to 1987

Greg Norman did it for 15 consecutive years.

The longest active streak - 14 now belongs to Davis Love III, who ended the year at No. 7

Mickelson to skip winners-only Mercedes

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Mas-ters champion Phil Mickelson has decided to skip the winners-only Mercedes Championships at Kapalua to start the new season, instead making his 2005 debut in the Buick Invitational near his hometown of San Diego.

Mickelson is a two time winner of the Mercedes when it was played at La Costa Resort in CarlsSports briefs

will be the second straight ond straight time he has skipped

palua He also didn't play in 2003, and

he wasn't eligible this year. That leaves the Mercedes with 31 players when the PGA Tour

on begins Jan. 6. Once the tour reaches the mainland Jan. 20 at Torrev Pines. Mickelson will play five of the next six tournaments through the Ford Championship at Doral, The only one he will skip is the Nissan Open at Riviera

Grandi wins second giant slalom in three days

FLACHAU, Austria - Canadian Thomas Grandi won his second World Cup giant slalom in three days Tuesday, while American Bode Miller extended his lead in the overall standings with a third-place finish.

Grandi overtook first-round leader Didier Cuche of Switzerland with a superb second run, finishing in a combined two-leg time of 2 minutes 15.90 seconds

Miller stretched his World Cup lead over second-place Benjamin Raich to 352 points.

Gerg wins women's suner-G

ST. MORITZ, Switzerland German veteran Hilde Gerg finally won a race on the course that has given her nothing but fits.

Gerg took the super giant slalom Tuesday for her 20th World Cup victory, completing the Engiadina course in 1 minute, 14.95 seconds, for her second win this season and first at the posh Swiss resort.

American Lindsey Kildow dropped to second after Gerg overtook her, finishing in 1:15.32 Germany's Maria Riesch, making a stunning comeback from injury, was third in 1:15.40.

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Selig asks for more papers on proposed Johnson trade

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - The baseball commissioner's office asked Tuesday for more paperwork to be submitted in the proposed trade that would send Randy Johnson from Arizona to the New York Yan-

An official of one of the teams and a person close to one of the players involved in the trade said the deal had been submitted early Tuesday to Commissioner Bud Selig for approval. The two spoke on condition of anonymity.

But Pat Courtney, a spokesman in the commissioner's office, said later in the day that more documentation had to be submitted before Selig could consider the complex transaction.

"We do not have all of the naperwork," Courtney said. Selig's approval is necessary be

cause more than \$1 million will change hands. The Dodgers are sending the Yankees the money to pay part of left-hander Kazuhisa Ishii's salary.

Once Selig approves. New York wants a 72-hour window to negotiate a contract extension with Johnson. The five-time Cy Young Award winner is owed \$16 million in the last year of his con-

Los Angeles would receive right-hander Javier Vazquez from the Yankees along with two top prospects, catcher Dioner Navarro and third baseman Eric Duncan, and the Dodgers would get pitcher Mike Koplove from Arizona. Los Angeles might redeal Vazquez to another team

Arizona would get outfielder Shawn Green and pitchers Brad Penny, Yhency Brazoban and Brandon Weeden

Johnson and Green have no-trade clauses. Johnson wants to play for the Yankees; Green has not yet waived his right to block a trade

The Yankees also moved ahead

Baseball

front. New York owner George Steinbrenner was to meet with

free-agent center fielder Carlos Beltran on Tuesday in Tampa,

On a busy day of deals among players eligible for salary arbitration, Anaheim agreed Monday to a \$32 million, four-year contract with shortstop Orlando Cabrera, and pitcher Wade Miller became a free agent when Houston failed to offer him a 2005 contract by the midnight deadline.

Also, Minnesota outfielder Jacque Jones agreed to a \$5 million, one-year contract, and Tor-onto right-hander Justin Speier got a \$4.15 million, two-year agreement.

Forty-one players on rosters weren't offered contracts by the deadline and became free agents. The group included Josh Phelps of Cleveland, Eric Munson of Detroit, Scott Schoeneweis of the Chicago White Sox and Alex Cora of Los Angeles.

Among players already free agents, two left-handed relievers agreed to two-year contracts, with Steve Kline getting \$5.5 million from Baltimore and Kent Mercker \$2.6 million from Cincin nati. Los Angeles finalized a \$4 million, two-year deal with left-hander Wilson Alvarez and a \$3.5 million, one-year contract with infielder Jose Valentin. Texas completed its \$1.8 million. two-year deal to re-sign outfield er David Dellucci. Also, San Diego acquired out-

fielder Dave Roberts from Boston for outfielder Jay Payton, infielder Ramon Vazquez, minor league right-hander David Pauley and \$2.65 million Cabrera replaces spunky short-

stop David Eckstein, who wasn't offered a contract by the Angels. Cabrera was dealt from the Montreal Expos to Boston in July and

World Series title since 1918.

Boston replaced Cabrera last week with two-time Gold Glove winner Edgar Renteria, who left St. Louis to accept a \$40 million, four-year offer from the Red Sox

Miller, who made \$3.4 million this year, was 7-7 with a 3.35 ERA in 15 starts before a rotator cuff injury sidelined him for the season on June 26. At the time, the right-hander said he thought rest would cure the problem and that he could avoid surgery.

Jones, known for excellent defense, hit .354 with 24 homers and 80 RBIs. The Twins also agreed to one-year deals with second eman Luis Rivas (\$1,625,000) and designated hitter Matthew LeCroy (\$750,000). Others who agreed to one-year

contracts were: Cleveland second baseman Ronnie Belliard (\$3 million); Cincinnati infielder D'Ange lo Jimenez (\$2.87 million): Baltimore outfielder Jay Gibbons (\$2.6 million) and pitcher Bruce Chen (\$550,000); Oakland right-hander Chad Bradford (\$1.4 million) and second baseman Mark Ellis (\$400,000); Detroit outfielder Alex Sanchez and catcher Brandon Inge (\$1,35 million each): Expos left-hander Joev Eis-(\$1.04 million) and ander T.J. Tucker right-hander T.J. Tucker (\$657,000); Pittsburgh first baseman Daryle Ward (\$950,000); Chicago Cubs infielder Jose Macias (\$825,000): New York Mets catcher Vance Wilson (\$760,000); Philadelphia left-hander Aaron Fultz (\$550,000); Los Angeles infielder Olmedo Saenz (\$650,000) and Giovanni nitcher Carrara (\$550,000): Toronto infielder John McDonald (\$400,000); and St. Louis pitcher Mike Lincoln (\$360,000).

On Tuesday, the Yankees finalized their \$4 million, two-year contract with second baseman

Tony Womack. Womack, who gets \$2 million annually, hit .307 with five hom-ers and 38 RBIs last season for the St. Louis Cardinals.



BY BRETT ZONGKER The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The proposed move of the Montreal Expos to Washington passed its biggest hurdle Tuesday when the District of Columbia Council reversed course and approved a ballpark financing law that eliminated a provision that threatened to scuttle the deal

Major League Baseball, which had threatened to scuttle the move last week, said the revised legislation was acceptable.

For the Expos' move to Washington to become final, the law must be signed by Mayor Anthony A. Williams, a prominent backer of returning baseball to the capital, and baseball Commissioner Bud Selig must declare arrangements to use RFK Stadium next year are "satisfactory."

'We can now focus our attention on bringing baseball back to Washington this coming season. Selig said. "To that end, the club may now resume its business and

promotional activities."

Baseball had put the move on hold last week after the council inserted a provision that mandated private financing to cover at least half of the cost of the project, estimated at \$435 million or more. If private financing was not found. according to last week's amendment, the law would have been

After an amendment passed Tuesday calling for Washington and baseball to share the cost for insurance limiting the city's liability on cost overruns and completion delays, the council voted 10-3 to repeal the so-called "sunset" provision. The council then voted 7-6 to approve the revised law

As part of the deal, baseball waived its right to compensatory damages for the first year if the 41.000-seat ballpark is finished late Instead the renamed Washington Nationals would not have to pay rent for RFK Stadium in

Council Chair Linda W. Cropp said the changes could save the city more than \$193 million. Others on the body disagreed.

"No one has answered why Major League Baseball can't pay," said Councilman Adrian Fenty, who called it a "horrible

"That's what I keep hearing from residents: Why can't these owners pay their fair share?"



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Majerus decides he'd be shortchanging USC

Coach cites health concerns as reason for quickly backing out of job

BY KEN PETERS The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - At the time, it seemed like a great idea. Then, Rick Majerus thought it

After making a snap decision to

take the Southern California coaching job last week, Majerus almost as quickly decided he shouldn't.

"Maybe you're married and Jennifer Aniston walks by and she says, 'C'mon, let's go,' " Majerus said, trying to draw a parallel with what he described as being blinded by the dream opportunity to coach the Trojans' basketball team.

Majerus anologized to the school, athletic director Mike Garrett and associate athletic director Daryl Gross on Monday in the room where he was introduced with much fanfare last Wednes day as the coach who would take over the team on April 1.

"I made a mistake. I'd be doing them a disservice and myself a disservice. Right now, I just can't

bring it," a glum Majerus said, citing health concerns for his decision to back out of

Majerus, 56, has had seven bypasses an battle with his weight, which has been as high as 370 pounds. He also cited health concerns when he retired as Utah's coach last January after 15 seasons, and been working as

analyst for

He said he decided immediately to take the USC job when he was offered it on Dec. 13, but had second thoughts as early as last

Wednesday night. "I looked at myself and thought that I was a phony. I realized they

441 made a mistake, I'd be doing them adisservice and myself a disservice. Right now, I

> just can't bring it. Rick Majerus

weren't getting the guy they hired. I'm not fit enough for this job for my standards. They weren't going to get the guy who puts in 18-hour Majerus

said "I have a fitness issue. It all relates directly to my weight. I've got a problem. And I'm going to try hard to do something about it. ... I don't want to have a Rick Majerus me-

morial game." That's not to say he's had any

health problems recently. "I think my health is good for probably anything other than to be an astronaut or a coach," he said, "I swam a mile and a quarter this morning just because I was so anxiety-ridden.

Assistant Jim Saia, made the interim head coach after Henry Bibby was fired four games into the season, will remain in the post for the rest of this season, Garrett Garrett said the search for a

coach will resume, although he has set no timetable. Majerus, this time not spouting the one-liners that spiced up last

week's news conference, seemed contrite and apologized several "My selfishness in wanting this

job and then my stupidity in thinking that I could undertake this put Mike Garrett and Darvl Gross in an untenable position. My apologies," Majerus said.

Majerus, who plans to return to his ESPN job, guided Utah to the NCAA title game in 1998, losing to Kentucky, one of the Utes' 10 NCAA tournament appearances during his tenure.

Considered among the top candidates are Pepperdine coach Paul Westphal, a former USC star, and former Iowa State and Chicago Bulls coach Tim Floyd.



Rick Majerus announced on Monday he is backing out as Southern California's men's basketball coach less than a week after accepting the position. Maierus said he realized his health wouldn't allow him to put in the long work days he has in the nast.

No. 7 Syracuse wins despite Cornell's 15 three-pointers

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - Syracuse has 10 wins and just one loss numbers that don't impress coach Jim Boeheim

The seventh-ranked Orange allowed a Carrier Dome-record 15 three-pointers in an 82-69 victory over Cornell on Monday night.

over Corneil on Monday night.
"If we don't change, it'll be evident to everybody," said Boeheim, whose 2-3 zone defense has been the staple of a program that won the 2003 national champion-

"We're just not there," he said.
"We can still win a game like this when we don't defend the three, but we're going to come to a time where we can't

The Orange allowed that many threes only once before - in a 96-92 victory over Southern Illi-nois in the Midwest Regional semifinals in the 1995 NCAA tour-

Syracuse was able to beat the Big Red (3-6) for the 28th consecutive time by using a press to force 17 turnovers, 11 on steals, in the second half

The trick now is for the Orange to play the whole game the way they did the second half. "We have to play intense," said

Hakim Warrick, who had 19 points and 10 rebounds while fighting through double- and triple-teams all game. "The guys that have been here as leaders have to go out there and start the game with intensity and the guys coming off the bench will follow. It's something we have to do set the tempo

The last time Cornell beat Syracuse was on Dec. 4, 1968 — or eight years before Boeheim became head coach at his alma

Cornell trailed 36-35 at half-

AP Men's Top 25

time on Monday and was dreaming of an unset every time some

body hit from long range.
"We were excited at the end of the first half," said senior guard Cody Toppert, who was 7-for-10 from three-point range and had 23 points and seven assists. "We knew we were in the game. We wanted to come out and slow it up in the second half and maintain

our poise."

The Orange, whose only loss was to No. 3 Oklahoma State, scored 28 points off Cornell's 23 turnovers

No. 21 Mississippi St. 104, Florida A&M 80: Lawrence Roberts scored 25 points and Winsome Frazier added 24 for the Bulldogs (10-2), who won their fourth straight. Shane Power added 18 points for Mississippi State, which shot 53 percent from

the field and led by as many as 31. Tony Tate had 17 points for the Rattlers (2-6), who played their eighth of nine straight road games to start the season. This was their third against a ranked team as they lost to No. 1 Illinois and No. 23 Michigan State by an

average of 31.5 points No. 22 Cincinnati 95. Jackson St. 43: Eric Hicks had 18 points and freshman reserve Roy Bright had a career-high 17 points and 11 rebounds for the Bearcats, who improved to 8-0 for the fifth time in the last 10 seasons. Coach Bob Huggins got his 550th career win, improving his record at Cin-cinnati to 382-119 in 16 seasons.

Antonio Williams-Parker had points for the visiting Tigers (3-8), who shot 23.9 percent from the field and committed 24 turn-



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Owens: Offensive burden shifts to QB McNabb, RB Westbrook

"I don't think it is any sten back too much with T.O. not being in there," McNabb said. "With those guys in there, we are still running our offense and those guys will have opportunities to make plays for us.

With Owens, the Eagles won their first nine games against conference opponents by dou-ble-digit margins, including five games by more than 20 points

Without him, they have to win two playoffs games against inferior teams in a weak conference to reach the Super Bowl.

Philadelphia's first playoff game on Jan. 15 or 16 could be against a team that finishes with a losing record

Owens' presence on the field and personality in the locker room will be missed. But the Eagles are used to overcoming significant injuries.

In 2002, McNabb missed the last six games with a broken

Backup quarterback Koy Detmer and third-string A.J. Feeley led the Eagles to a 5-1 record down the stretch before McNabb returned for the playoffs.

Last season, free safety Brian Dawkins, the defense's best player, missed nine games with a foot injury, and Westbrook sat out the playoffs with torn triceps. Still, if McNabb hadn't injured his ribs in the NFC title game against Carolina, the Eagles might have beaten the Panthers.

"We'll make do without him, obviously, and the guys will step up and play," coach Andy Reid said.

The Eagles' offense now must rely on the arm and legs of Mc-Nabb and the hands and feet of Westbrook. McNabb proved this season he is a precision pocket passer, throwing for 3,839 yards, 30 TDs and only eight interceptions, while completing 63.7 percent of his passes and compiling a 103.8 rating.

Known for his scrambling ability, McNabb hasn't had to run much, mainly because Owens always seemed open. But with Owens out Sunday, McNabb ran for gains of 12 and 19 yards in Philadelphia's winning drive against Dallas

McNabb will have to resort to scrambling now to prevent defenses from focusing on Westbrook. None of the wide receivers warrants being double-teamed, so the Eagles have to hope for mismatches when Westbrook comes out of the backfield. They'll also need Westbrook to continue gaining plenty of yards on the ground.

There was a sense at times during the season that some players were tired of hearing Owens get most of the credit for the team's success, and some receivers complained they should get more passes.

Now it's their turn to prove themselves.

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Lions holder Nick Harris lays on the ball after being tackled by Vikings cornerback Terrence Shaw on an extra point attempt. The point would have tied the game with 12 seconds left, but Minnesota won 28-27.

Break has Vikings snapping to attention

The Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. -Minnesota Vikings, in danger of watching their season come completely undone, finally got the big break they desperately needed.

You take the wins any way you can get them," coach Mike Tice said Monday, less than 24 hours after a had snan by Detroit's Don Muhlbach prevented the Lions from attempting the game-tying extra point with 8 seconds left and gave the Vikings a

wild 28-27 victory.
A little more than three hours after that improbable finish, Green Bay (8-6) lost at home to Jacksonville and fell back into a tie for first place with Minnesota in the NFC North.

That created a colossal matchup at the Metrodome for Friday afternoon, pitting the Packers against the Vikings for the division title. Tiebreakers assure that the winner will clinch, regardless of what happens in the regular season's final week

'We're starting to kind of come back around here," offensive coor-dinator Scott Linehan said. "Hopefully we're peaking at the right time

After the offense stalled throughout much of the second half, Daunte Culpepper led two long touchdown drives in the fourth quarter. He was asked, after the game, if the outcome proved that this year's team is different than the one that lost seven of its last 10 and missed the playoffs in 2003

"I think it does show that," said Culpepper, who passed for 404 yards and three touchdowns. "We just keep fighting all the way till the end, no matter what. We had luck on our side If you keen fighting, you have to get a break some-

Tice recalled a crazy play in last year's loss to the New York Giants that seemed to start the season-ending 3-7 slide. Clinging a one-point fourth-quarter lead, Minnesota watched a blocked New York punt was scooped up by the Giants' Wesley Mallard — who ran 20 yards for a first down.

"That kind of snowballed our

Green Bay at Minnesota 5 a.m. Saturday AFN-Sports

Game time is Japan and Korea Standard, Guam is one hour ahead; Singapore and Hong Kong are one hour behind.

season last year and put the black cloud over us for a number of weeks," Tice said. "I don't think we've had that feeling at all this ... This team has battled until the end in every game. We haven't always come through with the play to win the game, with a stop to win the game, but we certainly have not got that 'Woe is me' feeling."

Though the Vikings forced three turnovers and held the Lions to 13 points until midway through the fourth quarter, the pass coverage remains a pressing concern. Joey Harrington, booed more than one time on Sunday. passed for a career-high 361 vards after throwing for only 47 against the Packers the week be-

Detroit's offense, now 27th in the league, totaled 463 yards and scored what should have been the tying touchdown by driving 80 vards in less than 11/2 minutes.

'We've got to have enough confidence in ourselves defensively and get off the field somehow, some way, no matter what it takes," Tice said.

Getting cornerback Antoine Winfield (sprained ankle) back for the Green Bay game will help a lot. Winfield looked good in a workout Monday, according to Tice, and should help relieve the pressure on Brian Williams and Terrance Shaw

Shaw struggled with dehvdration and chest congestion, and Williams was worn out from play ing defense and three special teams.

Backup Derek Ross struggled again, and safety Corey Chavous was forced to play cornerback in the dime defense on the Lions final drive.

"I could go on for days about some things that I could have done better — but the bottom line is that we won the game," Chavous said. "That's all that matters to any of us in here right



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Raiders' Woodson arrested for public intoxication

ALAMEDA Calif - Four-time Pro Bowl cornerback Charles Woodson and safety Marques Anderson were arrested early NFL

Monday for in vestigation of public intoxicabriefs

tion following

the Raiders' victory over the Tennessee Titans. The Oakland Police Depart-

ment said the players were arrested at 4:20 a.m. PST in downtown Oakland after refusing to leave the back seat of a woman's car. Both were jailed briefly, police spokes-woman Danielle Ashford said. "Apparently what happened, an

officer in our transportation section was flagged down by a woman who said the men were in the back of her car and wouldn't get out, said Ashford, who was uncertain whether the players knew the woman. "They were very uncooperative. They had problems maintaining their balance, bloodshot watery eyes and had a strong odor of alcohol. They were acting in a

belligerent manner.' Woodson, 28, and Anderson, 25, were booked into Oakland City Jail. Bail is not required for ford said, but Anderson had to post \$5,000 because of an outstanding traffic violation. Both were released between 8 and 9 a.m., Ashford said.

Ashford didn't know when the

players would appear in court. "It's a situation where you'd like your guys to not be in that situation," said coach Norv Turner, who has not spoken with Woodson or Anderson since the inci-"The thing we always talk about, those hours are where problems turn up. That's how you avoid them, by staying out of those situations. Again, I don't know a lot about exactly what happened, so I'd prefer not to com-ment on it until I do."

Woodson, designated as the Raiders' franchise player in February, didn't play during the 40-35 victory over the Titans because of an injured knee, but hustled through the locker room

high-fiving teammates afterward He held out for four months trying the get a more lucrative contract but insisted in September there's more to be concerned with than a long-term deal. Such

a deal could be in jeopardy He signed a one-year tender

NFL injury update

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nee) questionable.

Bills: RB Willis McGahee (hyperextendd and bruised knee) status uncertain.

Seahawks: QB Matt Hasselbeck
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footh expected to also foot) expected to play. Titans: RB Chris Brown (foot) will miss eam's last two games.

for \$8.782 million after missing 33 days of training camp. Wood son has 74 tackles, 21/2 sacks and

two forced fumbles this season He hadn't missed a game since being suspended and sent home by former coach Bill Callahan for the final game last season at San

Diego for missing curfew. Turner hasn't had any significant issues with Woodson.

Anderson was acquired in a September trade with Green Bay.

Ramsey will begin next season as Redskins' starting QB

ASHBURN, Va. - Patrick Ramsey has already won next season's quarterbacks competition for the Washington Redskins.

Coach Joe Gibbs said Monday that Ramsey will be the starter to pects Mark Brunell to remain with the team as a high-priced

backup "We're starting with Patrick, Gibbs said. "That's who we're going with. He's our guy. We're

hoping he continues to progress. Ramsey has completed 65 percent of his passes, with five touchdowns and three interceptions and an 83.3 rating in five starts since replacing Brunell. The Redskins are 2-3 in those games, losing to Philadelphia twice and

Pittsburgh. "When somebody goes in and starts playing good, the way I look at it, he's earned the right." Gibbs said. "That started from the first day he went in there and started playing good. I'm kind of reluctant to pull guys in and out, so I kind of give him a shot and we're going until something would han pen to tell me that, hey, we need to make a change.'

The Redskins paid a high price for Brunell in the offseason, trading a third-round draft pick to Jacksonville for him and then signing him to a seven-year, \$43 million contract with an \$8.6 million signing bonus.

Martz denies he's resigning

ST. LOUIS - As bleak as the situation looks. Rams coach Mike

Martz isn't giving up.

Martz, whose fifth season with
the team has been disastrous, on Monday had a strong rebuttal to an ESPN report he might consid-er quitting. The Rams were

among the preseason NFC favorites after going 12-4 last year, but are 6-8. "I would never resign from this Martz said. "I love this job

and I would never leave these guys. We've got a real solid crew of young players and it's going to eventually be a terrific team, and I'm not going to ever walk away from something like that."

Martz has two years left on a contract that pays him \$3.5 million annually.

"I coach because I want to coach, and I love being here," Martz said. "That hasn't changed. We're going to forge on and get this thing back up and running the way it should be."

Martz is 51-32, including play-off games. He was the offensive coordinator in 1999, when the Rams won their first Super Bowl He led the Rams to a 14-2 record and a Super Bowl loss in 2002.

Darius fined \$75,000 for clothesline hit

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Jacksonville safety Donovin Darius was fined \$75,000 by the NFL on Tuesday for a hit across the neck of Green Bay's Robert Ferguson that left the wide receiver temporarily paralyzed.

Darius, who was ejected from the game wasn't suspended because league disciplinarian Gene Washington said this was the

first time he had been fined for a violation. The hit came during the fourth quarter of

Jacksonville's 28-25 victory at Green Bay. Ferguson caught a pass over the middle and Darius hit him across the helmet and neck with a forearm. Ferguson regained feeling in his legs after he was hospitalized He remained in the hospital Sunday and

Monday nights. He was released on Tuesday

Darius said in a statement that he snoke with Ferguson on Monday. "We had a good conversation in which he

told me he has no hard feelings," Darius said. "We agreed that it was a part of the game. The most important thing is that Robert is OK."

Darius, whose annual salary is more than \$4 million a season, was ejected from the game by referee Ed Hochuli.

"You violently and unnecess your opponent in the neck and head area with your forearm," Washington said in his

letter to Darius. Packers quarterback Brett Favre said he expected a heavy fine.

"I don't know him personally. He seems like a good guy and it's an unfortunate hit," Favre said. "And his comments were he was going for the ball. Maybe he was. Maybe his sole intention was to knock the ball out, but it just didn't seem like it.
"You'd hate to think that you'd ruin a

guy's career, and Fergie, by all accounts, will come back from it. But mentally will he be the same? I don't know.

Jacksonville coach Jack Del Rio defended his player on Monday, saying Darius never intended to hurt Ferguson

"It was a nasty shot, but I don't believe his intent was to headhunt the guy," Del Rio said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with Robert Ferguson. My understanding is he's doing OK up there and everything's going to be all right. But it was a scary situation and a very serious situation.

'[Darius] plays a physical brand of football, but he plays within the rules. He did not go helmet to helmet. He did not project himself or launch himself into the guy. He attempted to club at the football and ended up clubbing the guy in the head. It should be flagged and it was.

"If he really wanted to hurt the guy, he would launch himself or he would go helmet on helmet and really kill the guy.

Green Bay coach Mike Sherman called the hit "a cheap shot.

Green Bay's Robert Ferguson (left) was knocked unconscious and was temporarily paralyzed below the waist.

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NFL scoreboard

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Dolphins rally to stun Patriots

Brady's INTs help Miami erase 11-point hole in 2:07

BY TIM REYNOLDS The Associated Press

MIAMI - Miami already knew it would be home for the playoffs The Dolphins might have also ensured that New England will have to win once on the road to reach

another Super Bowl. A.J. Feelev's 21-vard touchdown pass to Derrius Thompson on fourth-and-10 with 1:23 remaining capped Miami's stirring comeback from an 11-point defi cit in the final three minutes, sealing a stunning 29-28 victory over the Patriots on Monday night.

Tom Brady had three touchdown passes for New England (12-2), but also had four intercep tions - including one that led to Miami's winning score. It was New England's second loss in 29 games, but one that means Pittsburgh needs to win one of its final two games to claim home-field advantage for the AFC playoffs.

Miami improved to 3-11 and avoided — temporarily, perhaps - setting a franchise record for losses in a season

"We could easily have 10 wins right now, but things haven't fallen for us like they should of," said linebacker Brendon Avanbadeio. who made the pivotal interception in his first career start. "But tonight, who cares what happened the last 13, 14 weeks of the season? We just beat the defending Super Bowl champions. That's all that matters."

Brady's third touchdown pass, yarder to Daniel Graham with 3:59 left, put the Patriots ahead 28-17 and seemed to wrap up a drooped on the Miami sideline, and fans who braved an unseasonable 52-degree night in South Florida began making their way to the exit.

They missed the highlight of Miami's season.

Sammy Morris' 1-yard run, his second touchdown of the game, capped a seven-play, 68-yard drive that drew Miami within 28-23 with 2:07 left.

And then Brady made an uncharacteristic mistake. Instead of just taking a sack by Jason Taylor on third down and resigning New England to punting the ball, he spun and threw blindly upfield.

"It's just not a good play, and if we want to win these games, we can't do that," said Brady, who fell to 5-3 against Miami. "We've got to play better and it starts with me. I've got to go out and play better.

Added Taylor: "Was I surprised he threw it? I was. But I was glad he did."

Ayanbadejo caught it with ease, and moments later, the Dolphins scored and salvaged some pride from a lost season. Feeley's throw to Thompson was perfect. in a position where only he could catch it - and where defensive

back Troy Brown had no chance. Feeley finished 22-for-35 for 198 yards, one touchdown and for the first time as a Miami starter - no interceptions.

"It's a testament to A.J. Feeley and what he's done for us all said safety Sammy Knight, who had two interceptions. "He's had some hard times, some tough



Dolphins defensive end Jason Taylor sacks Patriots quarterback Tom Brady late in the fourth quarter. Miami intercepted Brady four times, including twice in the final three minutes that helped Miami rally.

times, but tonight he hung in there, made some crucial throws,

made some crucial plays for us.' Brady's fourth interception sailed to Arturo Freeman with 58 seconds left, and Miami ran out the clock

"We just didn't get it done in any phase of the game," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "It certainly wasn't any one play. It was a combination of a lot of things and for the most part, they were in Miami's favor - especially at the end."

The Patriots lost despite 121-yard rushing performance by Corey Dillon, and they lost after leading at halftime for the first time in 32 games. Dillon ran for one touchdown and caught a pass om Brady for another

Kevin Faulk also had a touchdown catch, a 31-yarder that started the scoring and extended New England's NFL record streak of games scoring first to 19 cluding last year's playoff run.

"We can't fault anybody but ourselves," Patriots safety Rod-ney Harrison said. "We had the lead with four minutes to go and we blew it

Travis Minor had a 1-yard scoring run for Miami, which beat New England for the first time in the teams' past five meetings.

Interim coach Bates makes pitch for full-time job

BY STEVEN WINE The Associated Press

DAVIE Fla - Miami Dolphins interim coach Jim Bates wore a suit to work Tuesday,

dressed for success — and a big job interview - barely 12 hours after his team beat the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots. Bates met with owner Wayne Huizenga at

the team complex, hoping to remain head coach next season. "Believe me, I've got a sales pitch ready,"

He remained a long shot for the job, with an offer to LSU coach Nick Saban perhaps imminent. The only other confirmed candidate is Oakland Raiders coach Art Shell

Bates strengthened his case Monday night when the Dolphins scored two touchdowns in the final 2:07 and upset New England 29-28. With the improbable comeback, Miami (3-11) improved to 2-3 since coach Dave Wannstedt resigned.

"It says a lot about the team," quarterback A.J. Feelev said. "It says a lot about coach Bates. ... The guys in the locker room adore

Players say Bates has brought to the job infectious enthusiasm that has kent the Dolphins from quitting this season. When Arturo Freeman made an interception in the final minute to clinch Monday's victory, he was

greeted on the sideline by Bates with a flying chest bump. The 58-year-old coach said he didn't fear

hurting himself. "I was worried about hurting Arturo," Bates joked.

Bates last held a head coaching job in 1985, when he led the San Antonio Gunslingers of the USFL. His only other seasons as a head coach were in 1969-71 at Sevier County High School in Tennessee

But the longtime defensive assistant has worked with such successful coaches as Bill Belichick, Frank Kush and Johnny Majors. He even has ties with Saban - both were as-

sistants with the Cleveland Browns in

"I have a tremendous amount of confidence in what I can do," Bates said. With little to motivate them except pride. the Dolphins have played better since Bates

was promoted from defensive coordinator. ne biggest upgrade has been on offense, with Miami averaging 23.8 points per game under Bates, compared with 13.7 in the first

nine games. "People say we're a different team under him, and it's true," tight end Randy McMicha-el said. "I will play for that man anywhere, any day of the week."

The offensive line, the team's biggest weakness this season, has blocked better in recent



Dolphins interim coach Jim Bates celebrates Miami's victory over New England on Monday, the night before Bates' interview for the job.

weeks. And there are signs of progress by Feeley, who made it through a start without an interception for the first time Monday.

"The mark of this team over the past five weeks has been improvement and playing hard," Bates said. "It's a credit to a lot of people, with all the adversity and all the different stories that are coming out, that these guys have stayed focused and tried to win games down the stretch."

SPORTS

Stunning Fin-ish



Miami's Derrius Thompson (88) catches a 21-yard, game-winning TD pass with 1:23 left in the game as New England's Troy Brown (80) defends on Monday. See details of the Dolphins' 29-28 victory on Page 39.



DALLAS MORNING NEWS/A

Eagles receiver Terrell Owens is helped to the locker room after being injured early in the third quarter against Dallas on Sunday. Owens needs surgery on his ankle and will miss the rest of the regular season.

More than T.O. show?

Owens' injury gives Eagles' other stars chance to shine

BY ROB MAADDI

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Terrell
Owens invigorated the Philadelphia Eagles with his attitude, enthusiasm and MVP-type perfor-

Donovan McNabb and Brian Westbrook will do their best to prove this wasn't a one-man of-

fense.

A badly sprained ankle and broken leg will sideline Owens for the rest of the regular season and possibly the entire postseason a devastating blow for a team that dominated the NFC and clinched home-field advantage throughout the playoffs with two games left.

But take heart, Philly fans: losing the brash-talking, playmaking wide receiver doesn't end the Eagles' chances of reaching the Super Bowl for the first time in 24 years.

Owens isn't the only reason Philadelphia is 13-1.

The Eagles still have McNabb and Westbrook on offense, and Jevon Kearse leads the stingiest defense in the NFL. No team has allowed fewer points (202).

"They will be fine," said Owens, who has an outside chance of playing in the Super Bowl if the Eagles make it. "It doesn't stop with me."

While Owens was catching passes, criticizing coaches and teammates and inventing innovative touchdown celebrations in San Francisco, the Eagles reached the past three NFC cham-

pionship games.

A lackluster receiving corps was a major reason they didn't win one, but these Eagles are in better position to finally get to the NFL title game — even without Owens, who had 77 receptions for 1,200 yards and a team-record 14 TD catches.

McNabb is having the best season of his six-year career, and Westbrook has emerged as one of the most dangerous running backs in the league. The revamped defense is championship-caliber.

Sure, receivers Todd Pinkston, Freddie Mitchell, Greg Lewis and seldom-used Billy McMullen are ordinary. But tight ends Chad Lewis and LJ. Smith are go-to targets for McNabb, while oppoents still haven't found a way to stop Westbrook, who has 812 yards rushing and 73 catches for 703 yards.

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